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Israel's New Coalition Pledges Never to Negotiate With PLO

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JERUSALEM — Israel's newly formed coalition government is formally pledged never to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, leaders of both the Likud

and Labor parties said Tuesday. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir viewed that the new government would resist any U.S. pressure to exchange the territories occupied since 1967 for peace.

The agreement to form another "national unity" government will enable the Likud prime minister to esent a strong front protesting the United States decision to drop its 13-year old ban on speaking to laughter, Athena, and the d sexpot, Jessica Rabbia e movie "Who Framed

The new government's first moves are expected to include the

"Look, we have a joint view of the danger, and we all know the ment will appear to put an end to a danger." Mr. Shamir said on Israeli period when Israel had, in effect,

and international pressure to deal with the PLO.

"I heard the members of the Labor Party in the government on other occasions and, like I, they oppose the creation of a Palestinian state in the land of Israel," Mr. Shamir said. "They, like me, oppose the withdrawal to the 1967 ines. These are the two dangers that they joined us to cope with in a wide government. On this plan we will act together."

The outgoing foreign minister, Shimon Peres of Labor, too, confirmed Tuesday that the written agreement for the new government repeated the language of the agree-ment that established the fractious dispatching of envoys to the Unit-ral States to express Israel's objec-past four years that "there will be no negotiations with the PLO."

The terms of the new govern-

television Tuesday night, when two foreign policies: those of Mr. asked how his government would be able to resist possible American the past, Secretary of State George the past, Secretary of State George P. Schultz and other American officials have had to deal with both men, to the extent of having separate meetings and briefings.

Likud will control foreign policy matters, through both Mr. Shamir and the man be is expected to name as foreign minister, Moshe Arens, who is known as one of the most hard-line members of the party. The written coalition government agreement says that foreign policy initiatives can only come from the prime minister or the foreign minis-

responsibility for combatting the yearlong Palestinian intifada, or uprising, that has created major po-litical questions in the region, in-cluding the role of the PLO — will remain m the hands of Yitzhak Rabin. Although Mr. Rabin is a member of the Labor Party, he is

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Israeli police patrol Manger Square in Bethlehem on Tuesday, in front of Church of the Nativity, known as the birthplace of Christ.

PLO Radicals Defying Arafat

DAMASCUS - Palestinian hard-liners said Tuesday they would continue the armed struggle against Israel to torpedo Yasser Arafat's peace efforts and would seek to oust Mr. Arafat from the PLO leadership, a Palestinian source said

The senior Palestinian source, speaking on condition of anonymty, said that Syrian-backed radical tions were meeting in Damascus to discuss "practical steps and measures to counter Arafat's surrender-

The radicals have denounced Mr. Arafat's explicit recognition of Israel and renunciation of terrorism. His statements, made in Geneva last week, led the United States to open an official dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion for the first time since the U.S. banned PLO contacts 13 years ago.

Opposition to Mr. Arafat's campaign to secure an independent. Palestiman state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Stop seemed to be gathering momentum

Mr. Arafat speaking Tuesday.

among Palestinians who believe he has made too many concessions. [Mr. Arafat on Tuesday played down the challenges, Reuters re-ported from Vienna. "Of course there will be people who will oppose this opinion," he said. "Our
principle is like that of Voltaire,
which is that I disagree with your
opinion but I will fight to allow you
to express it freely."]

The United States has empha sized that it will break off talks if the PLO carries out terrorist attacks. While attacks by non-PLO factions may fall outside that condition, they could seriously undermine the Arafat initiative.

The factions meeting in Damascus included the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, led by former Syrian Army Captain Ahmed Jebril, the Fatah-Uprising of Colonel Sayed Musa's and the small Saiga group,

He said the radicals had formed

a committee to discuss ways of ousting Mr. Arafat and his allies to install a militant leadership "that will adhere firmly to the PLO charter and sponsor the armed struggle against Israel as the only way to liberate the occupied territories."

The committee, he said, includes some leaders of the yearlong Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza and various Palestinian personalities, most of whom held

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Talks in Tokyo Fail to End Rift on Kurils

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Post Service

TOKYO - The Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze. and his Japanese counterpart, Sosuke Uno, ended two days of negotiations Tuesday with no progress in a territorial dispute that has prevented the two countries from normalizing relations.

The talks, the first between the two countries' foreign ministers in nearly three years, had prompted hopes for an improvement in relations. But officials said the continued dispute over four islands that the Soviet Union has held since the end of World War II dominated the discussions and prevented progress on other matters.

Because of the lack of movement

for improved economic cooperation with Japan met with little success in the talks.

Mr. Shevardnadze's visit is part of an effort by the Soviets to im-prove relations with countries in the region. The Soviets hope to attract Japanese investment and technology and to impart some of the economie dynamism of the region to the Soviet Far East. Mr. Shevardnadze was scheduled to

leave for the Philippines on Wednesday. Japanese officials, while warning that no major breakthrough could be expected, clearly had hoped that recent improvements in Soviet relations with the United States and the West would be followed by greater Soviet flexibility in dealing

with the territorial dispute. Japan has long elaimed that the Kuril Islands, four strategic islands north of Hokkaido that Japanese call the Northern Territories, were

signed a peace treaty officially end-ing World War II because of the dispute.

At the end of the war, Moscow initially indicated a willingness to return two of the islands, the Habomai group and Shikotan, and continue negotiations over the two others, Etorofu and Knnashiri. But since 1960 they have maintained that Japan has no claim. However in recent months, Sovi-

et officials and scholars have indicated a willingness to at least discuss the issue and look for potential solutions, a change in attitude that Japanese officials described as sig-But in nine hours of ministerial-

level talks Monday and Tuesday, those hopeful foreshadowings did not produce any change in substantive positions. Japanese officials said Tuesday.

"The two ministers had frank, nd heated discussion"

"neither side showed any conces-

However, Mr. Kondo said that Japan remained hopeful that a joint communiqué showing some movement on the issue could be ssued before Mr. Shevardnadze left for Manila on Wednesday afternoon.

In a speech Tuesday night, Mr. Shevardnadze said that the two sides had agreed to regular discussions at a vice-ministerial level about a peace treaty and "all problems of concern to either side,"

He also said that the two sides had agreed to more frequent meetings between the two foreign ministers and to begin working toward a possible meeting between Presi-dent Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

The last Japanese-Soviet summit meeting occurred in 1973, when then Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka met with Leonid I. Brezhnev in

taken from them by the See JAPAN, Page 2 Soviets and should be returned. Japanese Foreign Ministry spokes-

Familiarity: Capital Contentment

By Steven V. Roberts

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Ronald Reagan came to the capital as a stranger eight years ago, like Jimmy Carter before him. But George Bush is more like a neighbor to many Washingtonians, a familiar figure who has already chosen a batch of familiar

"It's more relaxed," said Jayne Ikard, a former journalist. "This town is inordinately curious about new and powerful people, but in this case that sense is not there. They know the Bushes."

Pamela Lottman, a real estate agent, said: "Friends of all of us have played tennis with Barbara Bush for years. They're really of Washing-

The transition to a new administration is supposed to be a time of anxiety and upheaval, as Washington wonders and worries about the new

president. Who's up and who's down? What's in and what's out?

But the mood here these days is one of continuity, not change. Like Mrs. Bush's tennis partners, the city approaches the inauguration with a placid sense that the new administration will barely disrupt old patterns and relationships.

Consider the Wall Street brokerage house that is planning to sponsor a benefit concert at the Kennedy Center next month.

The idea was to raise visibility by raising money for a favorite charity of the wife of the presidentelect. In the election campaign, company officials were appalled to discover that Kitty Dukakis was interested in aiding Cambodian refugees, hardly the corporate image connection the organizers had in mind. So, when Mr. Bush won, the benefit lanners "breathed a huge sigh of relief," said a Washington hostess. Everybody already knew

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'Buoyant' Growth **Must Slow OECD Warning** Says Inflation

By Carl Gewirtz

Could Accelerate

International Heroid Tribune
PARIS — Economic growth in onal Herold Tribune industrial countries this year was stronger than it had been in more than a decade, but the Organization of Economie Cooperation and Development expressed fears Tuesday that if the expansion did not slow in 1989, high inflation would be rekindled.

In its semiannual economie outlook, the OECD offered a mixed

U.S. inflation fell in November. and the economy grew at a 2.5 percent rate last quarter. Page 11.

message. The good news was that forecasters seriously underestimated what an outstanding year 1988 would be, with economic growth of 4 percent "more buoyant than at any time since the early 1970s."

The had news was that if the forecasters get it wrong again, and the predicted moderate slowdown to a 3.25 percent rate of expansion fails to materialize in 1989, there would be "a significant risk of a resurgence of inflation."

This risk is greatest in North America, Britain, Sweden and some smaller European countries. "In the United States, the risk would be magnified if the dollar were to decline substantially," it

The gist of the OECD forecast through 1990 was leaked a month ago. But the full report, released Tuesday, bares the deep concern that too brisk an expansion would

fan inflationary pressures. "If anything," David Hender-son, head of the economics department, said at a news conference Tuesday, "we are underestimating the rate of growth right now."

This is reflected in the quarterpoint increase in next year's growth rate from the 3 percent forecast that the OECD circulated to member governments only a month ago. The projected continued slowing, to 2.75 percent in 1990, is un-

changed from a month ago. The forecast rate of inflation is year and in 1990. This encompasses a U.S. rate of 4.5 percent in 1989, rising to 4.75 percent in 1990; I percent and 1.75 percent in Japan; and 2 and 1.75 percent in West Germany.

Among the major industrialized countries, Britain's prices are to rise fastest — 6.25 percent next year, falling to 5.75 percent in 1990. This is followed by Italy and Canada, with about 4 percent in both years, and France at 2.75 and 2.25 Deteent.

Although monetary policy in most countries has tightened over the year and pushed up short-term interest rates, which should produce the forecast slowdown in the pace of expansion, the OECD said that "there is still considerable uncertainty about whether this tightening has been sufficient to contain

inflation in all countries." The report is rife with warnings of trouble if the expansion is main-See OECD, Page 15



Taher Masri, who has been dismissed as the foreign minister of Jordan. Page 2

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bul doubt the Soviet pullout will be completed. Page 2. The British government provisionally picked a British model for a new battle tank. Page 6.

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GENEVA (UPI) — The International Committee of the Red Cross announced the suspension of operations in Lebanon Tuesday because of death threats against its 17 delegates in the country.

Peter Winkler, ICRC delogate, was released unharmed Friday after being held hostage for a month by a pro-Iranian group. Prior to that, three other ICRC members were kidnapped, then freed.

The neutral all-Swiss agency, guardian of the 1949 Gene-va Conventions on humanitarian conduct in war and civil conflicts, said it was "immediately repatriating all person-



Afghan rebels dug in near Ka-

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PREMADASA ELECTED IN SRI LANKA — With a ceremonial garland around his neck, Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, 64, offering traditional thanks to supporters Tuesday in Colombo after being elected president, narrowly defeating Mrs. Sirimayo Bandaranaike. Page 8.

Child Mortality Linked to Nations' Debts

By Barbara Crossette New York Times Service

NEW DELHI - Half a million children died last year because families in the developing world are sliding back into severe poverty af-ter 40 years of progress, the United Nations Children's Fund says in its annual report.

The UNICEF report, "The State of the World's Children 1989," was released here Tuesday.

The organization found that in the last year, governments in Asia, Africa and Latin America, many falling deeper into debt, were reamong children is rising in many of the countries surveyed.

The report found that the

world's 40 least-developed countries have cut education budgets by about 25 percent a head, and the proportion of 6- to 11-year-olds in

school is falling.

The continuing economic crisis, particularly in Latin America and Africa, is really beginning to have an adverse impact on children," UNICEF's director, James P. Grant, said in an interview. "Most societies under the pressure of eco-

ducing spending on services most nomic adversity have ent back disneeded by the poor. Malnutrition proportionately on services health, education, social welfare programs.

According to the report, more than 14 million children under the age of 5 died in 1987. Its estimate that at least half a million of those

deaths could be attributed to "the slowing down of the development process in the 1980s" was based on trends in 16 Third World countries where there has been "a definite slowing down" this decade in the rate of decline in child mortality. While saying that it was too sim-plistic to blame the International

Monetary Fund or any other insti-tution for this regression in social conditions, Mr. Grant added that "a resolution of the debt crisis is required if you're going to get light

into those tunnels. The UNICEF report says there have been some welcome areas of

It says that in the last decade, the proportion of children in the developing world who are immunized against major diseases has risen from 5 to 50 percent. That means the saving of 1.5 million lives a year, and the prevention of 200,000 new cases of polio annually.

On London Stage: Queen and Blunt (and Burgess, Too)

By Frank Rich

New York Times Service LONDON - Rarely does a single scene in a one-act play become the talk of the town, but such is the phenomenon created by "Single Spies," the newly arrived Alan Bennett double bill attracting turn-away crowds to the National Theatre.

It is not hard to see why: The scene is one the English public has never seen before. Revue-sketch writers aside, Mr. Bennett is the first dramatist to present a reigning British monarch -Oueen Elizabeth II - as a character in a play.

The audience all but gasps when the comic actress Prunella Scales, nearly the spitting image of the queen, appears during the second of the evening's offerings, "A Question of Attribution." The setting is Buckingham Palace, where Sir

fussing over a Titian.

The time is apparently the early 1960s, when Mr. Bhint (played by Mr. Bennett) was under quiet investigation but had not yet confessed to being the "fourth man" in the Soviet spy ring that

included Guy Burgess, Kim Philby and Donald The impromptu conversation that ensues be-tween the queen and Mr. Blunt is ostensibly small talk about the nature of art history, the exposure of art forgeries and the function of portrait painting.
"Portraits are supposed to reveal a secret self," says her majesty, who allows that she refused to sit treacherous game.

"screaming queen." But Mr. Bennett, returning to themes familiar from his early play "The Old Country" through his

for Francis Bacon lest she be portrayed as a

Anthony Blunt, the royal family's curator of art, is fussing over a Titian.

recent screenplay for "Prick Up Your Ears," is intermingles all kinds of enigmatic codes: those after far more than polite and learned chat, however the embedded in art, in the English class system, in er amusing. (Asked if she takes any pleasure in acquisitions, the queen admits that "one more Fabergé egg isn't going to make my day.")

While the dialogue's surface is often in the third-person diction of the British establishment, its

ibtext is assame with subversive innuendo. Each time the cold, donnish Mr. Blunt tentatively patronizes his employer about aesthetics, she returns the volley with a smiling but vaguely prick-ly remark that leaves the audience and Mr. Blunt

wondering whether she might already be onto his "If something's not what it's supposed to be, what do you call it?" asks the queen of a painting. "An enigma," answers Mr. Blunt.

his Marxist coterie from Cambridge in the 1930s, alternate with X-rays revealing heretofore obscured third and fourth men in a 16th-century canvas of questionable attribution. "A Question of Attribution" has been directed

Simon Callow, who, like Mr. Bennett, has a distinguished triple career as writer, actor and

In the curtain-raising half of "Single Spies," titled "An Englishman Abroad," Mr. Callow acts In "A Question of Attribution," Mr. Bennett the star part under Mr. Bennett's direction.

The role is that of Mr. Blunt's comrade: the aging, alcoholic Mr. Burgess, living in Moscow exile in 1958.

Miss Scales plays Coral Browne, the actress who eneminitered Mr. Burgess while on a Soviet tour with the Old Vie's "Hamlet" and ended up filling the homesick spy's orders for Savile Row suits.

With its loopy juxtapositions of Stalinist repression and Etonian nostalgia, "An Englishman Abroad" suffers only by comparison with Mr. Bennett's original dramatization of Coral Browne's true story, the widely seen television movie of the same title, in which Alan Bates played Burgess and Miss Browne played herself.

Even so, both halves of "Single Spies" are essential to Mr. Bennett's unusually deep perspective on the juiciest and most voluminously chronicled of modern espionage tales.

A Disappearing Soviet Sea: The Aral Ecological Calamity

New York Times Service ON THE ARAL SEABED, U.S.S.R. - Twenty years ago, anglers might have stood on this spot, up to

their hips in water, and fished for carp or pike perch under the blazing sun of northwest Uzbekistan. Today, they would have to drive 50 kilometers (30 miles) north across flat, gray, salt-scabbed earth to catch up with the disappearing sea, and there they would find a briny pool, still receding toward a lifeless

This is - or was - the Aral Sea, once the fourth largest inland body of water on earth. Although it is far less severe in its immediate consequences than the carthquake in Armenia, it is the Soviet Union's most mourned and debated long-term ecological calamity.

By siphoning off water to irrigate the cotton fields of Uzbekistan and neighboring Turkmenia, Soviet developers have made sluggish sewers of the two rivers that feed the Aral Sea, the Amu Darya and the Syr

Since 1960, the surface area of the sea has shrunk 40 percent, leaving behind 26,000 square kilometers (about 10,000 square miles) of salty, man-made desert. with unhappy consequences for the health, the economy and even the climate in the huge Aral Sea basin. All this was obvious on a recent visit by an American visitor, said by local officials to be the first allowed

into this closed region. The Aral Sea has become, for many citizens, a test of the Soviet Union's newly stated commitment to balancing short-term economic growth against the demands of the environment.

Prominent writers and scientists who have organized a Committee to Save the Aral Sea contend the sea can be salvaged only by strict measures to curtail the use of water, even if this means cutting back production of water-intensive crops.

Others, including the officials responsible for water development, want to replenish the sea by a reviving a controversial engineering project: tapping two Siberian rivers and diverting their water to Central Asia The high concentration of salt and farm chemicals in the rivers and underground water is blamed for

unusually high rates of stomach and liver disease, throat cancer and birth defects. "A catastrophe of no lesser magnitude than Chernobyl," wrote Sergei Zalygin, editor of the magazine Novy Mir, in Pravda in June, likening the ecological and social consequences of the Aral dust bowl to the

Without the moderating influence of the huge lake, the summers have become hotter — by 2 or 3 degrees centigrade (3 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit) and drier, according to Parakhat Immamadinov, director of the Kara Uzyak state rice farm, about 65 kilometers (40

miles) south of the dried seabed. A visit to the seabed began in Nukus, a desolate industrial and administrative center on the banks of the Amu Darya River. Nukus is the capital of the Kara-Kalpak Autonomous Region, a subdivision of Uzbekistan named for the indigenous, Turkic ethnic minority. The region is now plagued with the highest rates of intestinal disease and infant mortality in

Two officials from reclamation assencies were wary hosts, escorting a visitor to the door of his hotel room at night and telephoning 10 minutes later to make sure he had not wandered off alone.

The road north passes cotton and rice farms, and then the crudely paved road gives way to a dusty agebrush flat

This land doesn't look like much, but it could be very productive," said Khamid Koshekov, head of the regional water reclamation agency, as the Soviet-made jeep bounced over terrain resembling the flatter parts of Nevada or Arizona. "All it needs is water."

Three hours northeast of Nukus, the car came alongside a wide, sandy canal that is one of the collectors now being used to recycle used irrigation water back to the sea. After another hour of slamming and swerving across the steppe, the car passed into a dust bowl.

The scene is doleful, a flat expanse occasionally marred by rusting hulks of construction equipment used in extending the connector canals or in piling up earthen dikes. Desultory construction work is continu-ing on a long dike, intended to partition off a southern ece of the dried seabed to be reflooded.

"Since the 1950s, agricultural output in the Aral basin has increased four times," said Kungrad Doshumbayev, deputy director of the regional agency that builds water works and runs state farms.

Restoring the Aral to its former grandeur and fertility is not under discussion. Defenders of the lake say their immediate goal is to halt the shrinkage before the lake becomes a dead sea, which could happen early in the next century.

The Communist Party Politburo approved general guidelines in September to reduce the depletion of the sea, mostly involving stricter conservation of water that irrigates the cotton crops.



Khamid Koshekov, head of the regional water reclamation agency, on the Aral seabed in Uzbekistan.

Dug In Near Kabul, Rebels Doubt Soviet Pullout

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

PAGHMAN, Afghanistan From the hills near here, the 15 Afghan guerrillas, preparing to launch rockets against Soviet positions, can look down on central Kabul in the distance.

One guerrilla staggered under the weight of a 1.5-meter (5-foot) rocket. He propped it against an improvised wall of stones and logs and carefully checked its angle of fire, aligning it with seven other

In a nearby field, squatting by the ruins of a bombed-out house, the squad commander took a ruler and measured the distance to the target on a minutely detailed map.

He relayed the information to his men. "Seventeen kilometers to Darulaman," he said. "We should aim them a bit more to the right

The target for the eight Sakr-20

visible in the late afternoon baze. one from which the Soviets bad services under his cousin, the been launching Scud missiles, the guerrillas said. Their own Sakr missiles were made in Egypt from a Soviet design and brought in from Pakistan.

"Our problem is that the Russians can trace our rockets by radar," the commander said. "So, we are forced to sit and hide in the holes we dig in the mountain."

The guerrillas fired, and within 30 seconds of the first launching, their position was pounded by mortars, rockets and machine-gun fire in a 40-minute barrage. The guerrillas were lucky and well dugin. Only one man was wounded, by

In the outskirts of Kabul, where the guerrillas have won control, the intensified bombing and rocketing are a reminder of the war that is still going on daily.

Among the guerrillas in the rolling hills of Paghman district, northwest of the city, there is much skepticism over the eventuality of a complete Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, which is supposed to occur by Feb. 15.

The world thinks the Russians

are ready to leave," said the guerril-la commander, Khan Mir. "They see them going to Saudi Arabia and talking peace with the mujahidin." But from the hills around Kabul, the view is less hopeful.

"Every day we are bombed and rocketed and shot at," Khan Mir said, adding. "There are hardly any civilians left in Paghman."

A native of Paghman, Khan Mir, 26, is a field commander of the Khalis faction of the Islamic Party,

one of the more conservative of the seven guerrilla parties based in Peshawar, Pakistan. Western analysts consider his

faction and the fundamentalist Itihad-e-Islami the two strongest parties in all of Kabul Province and in Paghman in particular.

The gnerrillas have been fighting a war of attrition from Paghman against the Soviet-backed Afghan government. They have paid a stiff price in the battle for Kabul, which is a fight for the three rings of government-controlled posts in the hills encircling the city.

They broke through the first ring of defenses in August, and now are tightening their grip on Kabul. They range freely over the countryside, at times approaching within 450 meters of the government outposts.

The guernillas say they have lost many men, especially four months ago in the battle for Paghman City, which they captured in fighting from street to street.

After the city fell to the guerrillas, rocket and artillery fire from government forces drove out most of its 50,000 inhabitants. Some fled to Kabul, others to Pakistan.

consider an attempt to dissuade from Moscow. them from returning. Not a single building remains intact. Strikes with rockets and high-altitude bombs also have destroyed

most of the villages in Paghman ■ Eastern Capital Attacked

The Soviet press agency Tass re-ported Tuesday that Afghan guer-

The city is now deserted, tia, subjecting it to a heavy bom-bombed out by Soviet planes and bardment with rockets and shells rocketed daily in what guerrillas The Associated Press reported

"To all appearances, the opposition is planning to capture the city of Gardez," Tass said. "Over 1,800 mines, rockets and shells hit the city in one day. There are casualties among civilians and several buildings were heavily damaged."

An attempt by about 2,000 guerrillas to capture the city of Mehterrillas had started a major offensive lam in Laghman Province was against the city of Gardez, that capbeaten back after three days of ital of the eastern province of Pak-fighting, Tass said.

Hussein Tightens Grip in Cabinet Shuffle

By Patrick E. Tyler

Washington Past Service CAIRO — King Hussein of Jorand Sakr-C rockets, each with a dan has reshuffled his government, range of 20 to 21 kilometers (12 to replacing his foreign minister with 13 miles), was in central Kabul, just a palace loyalist and putting the management of the royal court and It was a Soviet military base, the Jordan's intelligence and security

armed forces commander. The immediate effect of Monday's moves was to jettison Taher Masri, who had been foreign minister since April 1985 but had become a voice of dissent in the past year over Jordan's initially halting response to the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

linquish his claim to it to the Palestine Liberation Organization, ac-cording to diplomatic sources. Jordan had controlled the West Bank until its capture by Israel in the 1967 war. Mr. Masri also is known to have

clashed over policy with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, whose tenure seems to have received a vote of confidence from the king in Monday's decisions. In addition, however, the eleva-

Shaker, a confident and cousin of the king, to the job as chief of the or russem's decision in July to security services, whose intrusion ings and its ability to finance imports.

nian officials. Another key move in the cabinet

shuffle was the replacement of Mr.

Masri with Marwan Qassem, who is the current chief of the royal Mr. Qassem has previously

tion of Field Marshal Zeid ibn help harmonize the major compo- states. nents of the government.

Mr. Rifai's economic policies

Israeli-occupied West Bank and regrowing resentment among the The problem was exacerbated in populace, according to some Jorda- August when Hussein's decision to break with the West Bank touched off a panic in which thousands of Palestinians transferred their financial holdings out of the Jordanian dinar.

rmancial sources say Rifai has been able to put the country's economy back on a stable served as foreign minister and, as footing, securing short-term fi-one of the architects of Jordan's nancing, and Hussein personally is for fun policy toward the Palestinians, his said to have arranged a new line of ment." return to that slot is expected to financial assistance from Gulf

The cabinet changes, governroyal court and head of Jordan's have been under siege for most of ment officials said Tuesday, would security apparatus indicates a the year, as Jordan has suffered a shuffle or replace ministers of

Kurils Standoff (Continued from page 1)

JAPAN:

Moscow. No Soviet leader has ever come to Tokyo, and this is a sore point with the Japanese.

Soviet officials have indicated that, given the domestic political concerns facing Mr. Gorbachev next year, a Soviet-Japanese sum-mit meeting in 1989 is far from

Mr. Shevardnadze also met with Mr. Takeshits, and the prime minister reiterated Japan's strong desire to settle the dispute over the slands and improve relations between the two countries.

Mr. Takeshita said after the meeting on Tuesday that he would visit Moscow after Mr. Gosbachev came to Japan. "There can be a reciprocal visit, but not in the immediate future," the Japanese prime minister said.

Because of the lack of movement on the territorial issue. Soviet desires for improved economic cooperation with Japan met with little success in the talks.

Mr. Kondo, the Foreign Minisofficials had told the Soviets that "the overall situation in bilateral relations is not necessarily suitable for further promotion of invest-

The two sides had more fruitful discussions in other areas, with the Soviets agreeing to convey to North Korea Japan's desire for improvements in relations. In addition, Mr. Paris Métro Strike Is Slowly Ending Shevardnadze said that the Soviets would continue to allow some visits by Japanese to ancestral grave sites on the islands.

Botha Fires Nonwhite In South Africa Cabinet

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG - President Pieter W. Botha fired the only senior posts in the PLO." He did nonwhite member of his cabinet not elaborate. an inquiry into corruption in the Indian chamber of Parliament. Amichand Raibansi was re-

moved by Mr. Botha from his seat in the cabinet, where he served without a portfolio, and also from his post as leader of the House of

to press their demand for a monthly raise of 1,000 francs (\$170)
Salonika's sirport reopened Tuesday after being closed for five days because of a storm that paralyzed the northern Greek city. More than 30 centimeters (about a foot) of snow has fallen on Salonika since Thursday and isolated many villages in northern Greece.

(AF)

The Canadian strike Wardsir is to start operating 13 flights a week

TRAVEL UPDATE

PARIS (AFP) — More Paris Métro maintenance workers voted Tues-day to end their five-week strike, but traffic was expected to remain

disrupted until the end of the year, the city's transportation authority

Four subway lines remained closed Tuesday. Maintenance workers on

Line 1, Vincennes-Neuilly, voted to go back to work but the line was expected to stay closed until at least Thursday. Line 2, Nation-Dauphine,

will reopen Thursday. Line 4, Porte d'Oriéans-Porte de Clignancourt, and Line 11, Mairie des

Lilas-Châtelet, were still completely closed to traffic as strikers continued

WORLD BRIEFS

TOKYO (AP) - A former executive pleaded guilty Tuesday to attempted bibery in the only case to come to criminal trial so far in a

widening scandal over transactions in his company's stock involving

leading politicians and businessmen.

Hiroshi Matsubara, former chief aide to the president of Recruit-

Cosmos Co., admitted trying to bribe an opposition lawmaker who was investigating his company's role in the scandal. "I admit all charges. They

are all factual," Kyodo News Service quoted Mr. Matsubara as telling the

Tokyo District Court. "I deeply regret my action and decided to accept

He also reiterated his earlier statement that he was acting on his own

erate. "It was all done by myself and the money came from my own

JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia said Tuesday that travel restric-

tions would be lifted Jan. 1 to East Timor, the former Portuguese colony

where the government has been battling a sporadic rebellion for 12 years.

The minister for political and security affairs, Sudomo, said after a

cabinet meeting that East Timorese would no longer need security

clearance to travel outside the territory. Other Indonesians will also be

free to visit the eastern half of Timor Island, which Indonesia annexed in

1976 following civil war between independence and pro-Indonesian

He did not say if all areas of the province would be open. A governmen

official said last month that five of East Timor's 13 districts would remain

inportedly by Islamic activists.

The incident Monday night in Cairo's crowded Shubra area produced

the worst fatalities since five civilians died in clashes with the police in the

Auschwitz Convent Issue Unresolved

PARIS (NYT) — Jewish leaders came away unsatisfied Tuesday from

a meeting with Roman Catholic prelates at which Jewish groups had hoped to hear that a convent established in 1984 at the site of the

The World Jewish Congress and other groups had expressed concernthat the Catholic Church was not making progress toward fulfilling an agreement signed last year in which several prelates pledged to close the agreement signed last year in which several pressure purious and Carmelite convent by then. Jewish groups have said it is inappropriate to have a Catholic church at the site of the extermination of millions of Jews:

Cardinals from Poland, France and Belgium said Tuesday they would

want to make another effort," said Leon Feldman, speaking on behalf of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations,

make additional efforts to convince the Carmelite muns to move the convent. "We expected a definite commitment, but what we heard is the

U.K. Reports 23 Dead of Salmonella

The government department said 26 people had died in the past 10 months from salmonella enteritidis, of whom 23 were poisoned by a

fundamentalist stronghold of Ein Shams suburb in August

Auschwitz death camp would be shut down by Feb. 22.

which represents several major Jewish organizations.

strain of bacteria found in eggs.

attempted coup, officials said.

person a week was dying from infected eggs.

closed and journalists would still need special permission to enter.

Japanese Executive Admits Bribery

between Amsterdam and five Canadian cities early next year, a spokermen for the zirline said Tuesday.

The French domestic sirline Air Inter said Tuesday it would add 400 flights to its schedule from Wednesday to Jan. 5 to cope with the vacation period. The flights represent 100,000 passenger places, it said. (AFP)

As Nile Rises, Apocalypse Recedes

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

AL-GHOURAYIB, Egypt - The old proverb says: the misfortune of one builds the fortune of

They have discovered that wisdom here, in a village pressed between river and highway, muzzled

A year ago, forecasts in Cairo pointed to a tragedy. If Africa's drought did not break, they said, it would dry the Nike and break the slender feetile thread of its valley and delta that provide Egypt's only home-grown food. If the rains did not come, they said, then Lake

Nasser, held in check by the Aswan High Dam in southern Egypt, would drop to the levels at which the hydroelectric turbines would have to be closed. depriving Egypt of a fifth to a quarter of its electric

power supply.

But the drought did break, far south of the High Dam, and the result produced both horror and

In Khartoum, the capital of the Sudan, floods wrought devastation. But as the river swelled and flowed north through East Africa and Ethiopia, it saved Egypt.

Since the flooding, the lake has refilled to the levels it maintained in 1983, said an Egyptian water official, Abdel Rahman Shalaby. By late last month, it had risen by more than 161/2 meters (54 feet) above its level at the depth of

the drought in July, which was around 460 feet, the lowest recorded since the dam was built by Soviet engineers in 1971. The river flowed. The crops grew under the blessing of its irrigation. The power supply faltered only by its accustomed standards. Apocalypse re-

ceded. The flow of water into Lake Nasser, a

Western expert said, represented "the best year since the Aswan Dam was constructed."

Yet, the attitudes and lessons exposed by the scare reinforced other prognostications, just as dire but not quite so pressing, that raise the ques-tion, among foreigners at least, of how well Egypt uses the water it has,

Even before the possible consequences of the African drought seeped home in Egypt, a U.S. Embassy report in April 1987 said that "there will be insufficient water to sustain Egypt's population by the year 2000 unless drastic conservation and agement improvements are put into place in the next few years."

Western experts argue, for instance, that in some places Egyptian farmers pump too much water, at too great a cost in fuel, onto land needing less water, squandering a heritage that might otherwise be used in expanding the 3 percent of Egypt's surface that is not barren desert.

"At the farm level," a Western specialist said, there is a need for collaboration in improving

Try telling them that here.

A year ago, a visitor to this village 56 kilometers (35 miles) south of Cairo talked with a farmer, Ragab Mohammed Ragab, who said the waters had always come, from somewhere up there, beyoud the dam, and they would surely come again,

Mr. Ragab's neighbor, Abdul Rahman Abu Mansour, told the same visitor that God had indeed willed it, so the water had come and there was no point in pursuing the heresy of fine muing.

There is always enough water, Ood be



ISRAEL: Coalition Vows No Negotiations With PLO PLO:

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politically and personally closer to

Mr. Shamir than to Mr. Peres. Mr. Peres will be the finance minister, a post that is vital to the Labor Party, because it will enable him to shore up the flagging enter-prises of Israel's labor union, the Histadrut and the socialist farm kibbutz movement, billions of dol-

These institutions form Labor's power base and their collapse could

destroy the party.

The final key to reaching agreement was granting Labor the chairmanship of the parliament finance committee to protect its programs. A four-man inner cabinet - already being called the tetrad composed of Mr. Shamir, Mr. Peres, Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arens, is

expected to control the major deci-Mr. Arens, who had previously

been defense minister and ambassador to the United States, is also
expected to emerge as a key player
and is widely recorded at M. Those on the left thought that
the unity government would continue the paralysis of the past four expected to emerge as a key player and is widely regarded as Mr. Shamir's own choice as his eventual SUCCESSOF.

By including Labor, Mr. Shamir not only presented a united front against criticism of Israel from abroad, but avoided the political problems of a narrow government based on alliance with the small religious parties.

Free of the religious parties, he could avoid the "who is a Jew" controversy that has enraged American Jews, whose political and financial support is vital to

And, by keeping Mr. Rabin on as defense minister, with tactics as tough as anyone in Likud, he involved Labor in attempting to put down the Palestinian uprising, keeping that issue distanced from party politics.

He also avoided having to give the post to Ariel Sharon, the bellicose and unpredictable former defense minister who would like to challenge him for party power.

But, in the fractious political atmosphere of Israel, the unity government was also denounced from the right, left and center, as well as by the Orthodox religious groups who cried they had been betrayed

and promises to them broken. The papers Tuesday were filled with accounts of a shouting match between Mr. Shamir and Mr. Sharon over the question of the defense ministry. The prime minister said for further meetings with leaders of the appointment of Mr. Sharon would upset the army.

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vcars. "It's unbelievable, it's one of the biggest mistakes ever for the Labor not elaborate. party to join such a coalition," said Yossi Beilin, a prominent Labor member of parliament who is close

to Mr. Peres. ■ Arafat Blasts Labor Party Yasser Arafat on Tuesday accused Israel's Labor Party of trying to undermine peace efforts and of betraying its election pledges by agreeing to new Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, Renters

reported from Vienna. "The Israeli leadership is undertaking efforts in order to torpedo the dialogue and to impede the process of peace and the convening of an international peace confer-ence," said the PLO chairman.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir have agreed on construction of eight new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and taken steps to crush the yearlong Pales-tinian uprising there. In Washington, the State Department spokes-woman, Phyllis Oakley said: "The settlements are not helpful in mov-ing toward a comprehensive peace settlement, which we all desire."

Mr. Arafat called Mr. Peres's move a "retreat of the Labor party from its own policy," spelled out before inconclusive elections on Nov. 1. He also expressed a desire the Jewish diaspora who supported an independent Palestine.

DEATH NOTICE

HOLMES, on 10th December 1988, suddenly by in swinging style amongst friends, Mar-tin, aged 55, very much loved fiance of Jane, and very much loved and loving father of Mark, Timothy, Katie, Me-lante and Rachel, Private Family funer-let Monter, Theorem 1981, a memorial at at Markow. There will be a memorial service on Wednerday, 15th February 1989, the venne and details of the Ten-nis Memorial Fund to be amounced later - no flowers please.

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On Monday, a member of the PLO's governing body reflected a possible serious split in the organization's top ranks by calling Mr. Arafar's recognition of Israel and remunciation of terrorism "Arafat's

personal opinion. Mustafa Zibri, a member of the PLO executive committee, said the chairman's statements last week were "incompatible with the resolutions of the latest Palestine National Council meeting.

The council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile, met in Algeria last month to declare an independent Palestiniau state. It indirectly recognized Israel's existence and condemoed terrorism, but did not go far enough to gain U.S. recogni-

The PLO is an umbrella organization of eight different Palestinian guerrilla factions dominated by Mr. Arafat's mainstream El Fatah group, Prime Minister Yitzhak hamir of Israel claims it is bent on Israel's destruction. Mr. Zibri's statement could rep-

resent serious dissent because of his

seat on the PLO's 15-member exec-

utive committee, which includes representatives of six Palestinian guerrilla groups as well as indepen-dents. El Fatah has three seats. Mr. Zibri is the sole committee representative of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a Syrian-backed Marxist group headed by Georges Habash, who

Java Floods Kill at Least 49

n moderation.

told Mr. Arafat at the Algiers meet-

ing that his faction does not believe

JAKARTA - The worst floods in five years on the main Indonesian island of Java have killed at least 49 persons and destroyed the homes of tens of thousands, local government officials said Tuesday.

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A department spokeswoman said that while the deaths could not be linked directly to consumption of eggs, "we must assume some have יים יותרום במלחדם: been." The government, trying to restore confidence in eggs through press advertisements and compensating egg farmers for losses from collapsing sales, has described as inaccurate a scientist's findings that one M. AND THEFT, T. LOSS. III

MARKA THE ACT CONTACT **Emergency Is Declared in Khartoum** SERVER CONTRACTOR KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters) - The government placed the Sudanese capital under a state of emergency Tuesday following reports of an Committee to an area They said the move, giving police wide powers of arrest, was necessary for security reasons and more details would be made public later.

The newspaper Al-Sudani said the government had foiled a coup attempt Smolay by "racists," a term used to describe non-Moslem and non-Arab Sudanese, mainly from the south of the country, involved in

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Settlers Who Stay Get 40 Acres, Free

Anyone can get 40 acres (16 hectares) of land free in Koo-chiching County, Minnesota, by building a house on the land and living in it for 10 years. This modern version of the historic U.S. homestead policy is aimed at re-versing a declining population trend. The county, on the Canadian border, has about 15,700 people, or 2,000 less than eight cars ago. The county has about 50,000 acres of woods and farmland, confiscated for nonpayment of taxes, to give away.
Other U.S. communities have

offered tax breaks and cash payments to lure residents. But federal officials and development experts said this apparently was the first large-scale land giveaway since the federal homestead law, enacted in 1862, which offered up to 160 acres of land after five years of residence. Of signal importance in the settling of tha Great Plains states, it is in effect today only in Alaska

"There are people who live in Chicago, New York or the Twin Cities" of Minneapolis and St. Paul, said Bob Schwiderski, director of Koochiching County's homestead program, who might be sick and tired of the rat race, the rush-hour traffic - and we'll eliminate that from the life style real quick."

So far, 180 people have in-quired about the program and two dozen have formally applied. Applicants' criminal and credit records are checked. "We want people who are self-sufficient," Mr. Schwiderski said, "We're not looking for an opportunity to increase our welfare rolls up here."

Short Takes

A computer serves as therapist for employees of UST Corp. in Greenwich, Connecticut, who

By Paul Lewis

New York Times Service

Reagan administration is trying to

reduce the size of the UN peace-

keeping force that will oversee elec-

tions leading to independence in

South-West Africa, according to

To save money, the United States has proposed cutting the

military component of the force by more than half, from seven battal-ions to three. Under present plans, the force would also include about

2,000 local and foreign civilians

and about 360 police officers from

-But the U.S. proposal is opposed

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UNITED NATIONS - The



BACK TO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS - After a two-week vacation, Michael S. Dukakis and his wife, Kitty, left, talk to his cousin Olympia during a rally for the former Democratic presidential candidate at a Boston hotel. It was the first major tribute paid to Mr. Dukakis since the election.

seek counseling. The computer asks users to respond to certain statements. Their responses activate the computer to type out certain courses of action. Fleshand-blood therapists also are available as needed. The experiment is believed to be the first by a private company, although similar programs are used at psychiatric hospitals, universities and

Nancy Reagan, asked by re-porters if she had any advice to offer Barbara Bush on the tribulations of being the First Lady of the land, said she had none, except that "it is something you are never prepared for and you can never get used to."

A bronze statue 20 feet (about 6 meters) tall honoring merchant

courage South Africa to interfere in

At a meeting Monday of delegates from the developing world, there was virtually unanimous support for the African position.

Namibla is due to gain its inde-

pendence from South Africa next

year under a U.S.-mediated agree-

ment worked out among South Af-

nica, Cuba and Angola. The agree-

ment also provides for Cuba to withdraw its troops from neighbor-

ing Angola, where they have been

helping the government against

guerrillas supported by the United States and South Africa.

Reducing the size of the peace

en who served in wartime has been erected in front of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum. ft depicts two mariners climbine a ship's ladder after making a rescue at sea. The \$700,000 project is believed to be the first national memorial in the United States to merchant seamen.

Wine-label collecting is a relatively new hobby, according to Burt Wuttken and his wife, Marnie, of Pacific Palisades, California. They have acquired 40,000 wine-bottle labels in the past 24 years, and they publish a quartery oews letter. The Wine Label, which has about 100 subscribers. "It's better than stamp collect-ing," Mr. Wuttken says. "Besides, whoever heard of drinking a let-

A jury awarded \$1.25 million to

member Security Council.

The four permanent council members aside from the United States — Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union — agree that

The United States argues that

the force can be safely reduced be-

cause it was intended to prevent

attacks during the election by the South-West Africa People's Orga-

mization. The group has been fight-ing for years for Namibian inde-

pendence but has agreed to

The U.S. aim, diplomats say, is

to reduce the cost of the yearlong operation from an estimated \$650

cooperate with the peace plan.

the operation should cost less.

peacekeeping cuts in the territory, keeping force will require the sup-

also known as Namibia, would en- port of a a majority of the 15-

Charles McCarthy, a bar patron who was burned and disfigured by a flaming rum drink that hlazed out of control at Danny's Bar in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The verdict was in addition to the \$250,000 Mr. McCarthy received in a settlement with the distillers. Seagram Co.

Shorter Takes: Wood stoves are back, The New York Times reports, in remodeled, cleanerburning versions that manufacturers bone will recapture the momentum of the 1970s oil embargo when nearly a million a year were sold. Duarte, California, officials said a youth was promptly arrested when he showed up for his driving test in a stolen car.

Arthur Highee

present such operation. The U.S. share will be about \$200 million, if

Last month Congress adjourned

without authorizing the transfer of

\$150 million from the Pentagon

withdrawal from Angola will be

signed at the United Nations on

Thursday by Secretary of State George P. Shultz and the foreign

ministers of Cuba, Angola and

A UN force of about 70 will

monitor the Cuban withdrawal, at

a cost of about \$20 million over 31

the cost is not reduced.

South Africa.

U.S. Drought: The Worst Didn't Happen

By Bill Peterson

Washington Post Service
CHICAGO — Chuck Perry's
worst fears about the drought of '88 turned out to be unfounded.

"For the weather we had, f can't complain at all," Mr. Perry, a southern Illinois dairy farmer, said recently. "I think all the farmers around here are happy with what they got. A lot of us still can't figure out how things grew with so little water, but they did."

A few months ago, when the drought stirred images of parched fields and Dust Bowl memories, Mr. Perry said he feared "a total wipeout" on his 280-acre (115-hectare) farm on the outskirts of Dieterich, Illinois.

But a combination of late-summer rains, high grain prices, resil-ient new varieties of seed and drought assistance resulted in a far less catastrophic year than anticipated for Mr. Perry and the majority of farmers in the Midwest, according to interviews with farmers

and experts across the region.
"We did pretty good," Mr. Perry
said, echoing the words of many
farmers. "Anything I got was more
than I thought I'd get."

Stan Ernst, an agriculture information specialist at Ohio State

mation specialist at Ohio State University, said that "looking back, everyone was down in the

doldrums in June and July."
"But obviously," he said, "things have gotten better because we got rain late in August. And in all our reports, yields were much better than expected. Still, for some farmers, it was too little, too late."

A recent survey of 800 banks in seven Midwestern states gave cre-dence to his words. It found that although the drought severely depressed the economy in some areas the overall effect of the drought has been surprisingly mild" and "agriculture bankers see current

economic conditions as good."
"At present," concluded an analysis by Norwest Corp. of Minneapolis, "land prices continue to rise, loan problems continue to drop and the oumber of farmers going out of husiness has fallen to the lowest level in at least six

Neither the Agriculture Department nor Congress has fully assessed the impact of the drought on NU.S. Seeks Smaller UN Force in Namibia farmers and food prices or calculated the total cost of sweeping drought-relief legislation adopted last summer, The full effect will not million to \$450 million. Even at this figure, it would cost more than any

be known until next year.

But there is little doubt that the drought last summer ranks among the worst of the century, drying up creek beds and wells, parching fields and creating the worst dust storms in decades. Much of the Mississippi and Missouri River budget for peacekeeping.
The agreement providing for Namibian independence and Cuban Valleys received less than 75 percent of normal rainfall,

Nationally, corn production fell 34 percent from 1987, soybean production 21 percent, sunflower production 46 percent and durum

wheat production 50 percent, according to U.S. Department of Ag-

bushels an acre. Illinois, Minneso-ta, Wisconsin and South Dakota harvested from 45 percent to 60 percent less corn in 1988 than in

"The drop in crop yield was the largest absolute drop we've ever had in history," said Rich D. Allen chairman of the Agriculture De-partment's statistics board. States in the northern Great

Plains were hit especially hard as late-summer rains missed wide ar-eas there. North Dakota and Montana continue to suffer from extreme dryness, raising concern about subsoil moisture for next

riculture crop reports.

The 1988 drought started early
and reached crisis proportions by
dropped from 119 bushels to 82 July. "The difference between this and other droughts was that there was a reversal," said Norton Strommen, the USDA's chief meterologist. "The turning point came in mid-July when we started getting rain in the eastern Com Belt. Crops

> and late plantings did surprisingly well. It did not turn out nearly as bad as it could have." Minnesota's agriculture commis-sioner, Jim Nichols, cited a "pleas-ant surprise," saying: "We found soybeans could tolerate a lot of heat and drought and still bounce back. What really saved us was the high soybean prices. Soybeans that

were still viable enough to respond,

year. Some counties reported crop losses of 80 percent. were selling for \$4.70 last year sold for \$7.50 and \$8 at harvest time this year. That's why most farmers are

In Minnesota and other Mid-western states, 1987 was a record crop year, and "a lot of it was still in bins," Mr. Nichols said. "A lot of people sold '87 crops at '88 prices."
Federal drought assistance cushioned the blow for many farmers. Congress adopted an emergency-relief package that may be worth as much as \$5 billion, the most generous in history, early in August when public concern about the drought was at its height.

Under the program, financed by savings from reduced federal crop subsidies, government payments go to farmers who lose more than 35 percent of a crop.

Electoral College Votes Bush and Quayle In

New York Times Service RICHMOND, Virginia - The

Electoral College has made it anti-climactically official. Vice President George Bush will be the next president of the United States and enator Dan Quayle of Indiana will be his vice president.

Meeting here and in state capi-

tals elsewhere around the country, the 538 members of the Electoral College followed constitutional procedures and ratified the will of J.S. voters as expressed on Nov. 8.

There were no great surprises. The 12 Virginia electors, like electors elsewhere, dutifully rubberstamped the Nov. 8 results of their home state with a bit of ceremony but almost no discus

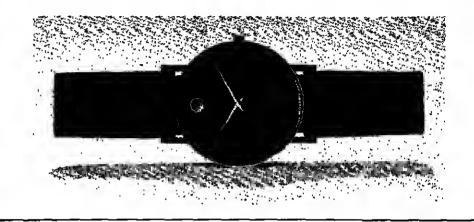
With only Hawaii to go in the counting on Monday, Mr. Bush had 422 electoral votes, far more than the 270 needed for victory. His opponent, Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts, had 111. The votes will be opened and formally counted at a joint session

of Congress on Jan. 4. At one point in the balloting in Richmond, one of the electors muttered something about "a heartbeat away" as the voting on Mr. Quayle began, perhaps reflecting some

Quayle's election, which expressed itself in calls for the Electoral College not to endorse him. But Mr. Quayle got all 12 Virgin-ia votes and elsewhere around the country the movement to dump him apparently fizzled.

public sentiment against Mr.

The votes cast Nov. 8 were for slates of electors, with each party in each state putting up its own slate. The size of a slate equals the size of a state's House and Senate delega-tion in Washington. Electors are expected to vote for their party's nominees, but the U.S. Constitution does not require them to do so.



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Tracing a Palestinian Terrorist's Trail

ROME — For a man presumed to have died five months ago, Samir Mohammed Kadar is getting unusually close attention from antiterrorism investigators.

Identified as one of the most trusted and efficient operatives of Abu Nidal, Mr. Kadar was thought by authorities to have died July 11 when a car packed with arms and explosives blew up in Athens, kill-ing two men. The incident was tied to a terrorist assault on the Greek

ferry City of Poros the same day. The Kadar case has been getting renewed interest from investigators lately because of fears that Europe could again be the target of extremist groups like Abu Nidal after the nement between the Palestine Liberation Organization and

In the weeks after the attack on the ferry, the Greek police blamed Mr. Kadar for it and said he had died in the car explosion. Although they were unable to identify positively the remains of the two men inside the car, the police found weapons and others items with Mr. Kadar's fingerprints in the wreckage, as well as remnants of a passport bearing his photograph.

Greek authorities have continued to contend that Mr. Kadar died in the explosion.

But other European authorities piecing together the international trail he left behind — one that includes the 1985 Rome support attack in which 17 people were killed — say they are convinced that Mr. Kadar is still alive.

One month after his supposed death, Swedish authorities issued an arrest warrant charging Mr. Kadar in the Greek ferry attack, which killed nine people of Swedish, Dan-ish and French nationality and wounded 90.

French, Danish and Italian investigations have singled out Mr. Kadar as well, and authorities in Bolivia, India, Pakistan and Sudan would also like to know where he is. The force of the blast blew apart the car and the two men inside. The few dismembered fingers collected by the police did not match the

fingerprints on file for Mr. Kadar, and the other body parts belonged to men younger than Mr. Kadar. But other evidence yielded infor-mation for a dossier on Mr. Kadar that Italian investigators had already been compiling and lifted the veil on Abu Nidal's shadowy operations around the world and his

Libyan links. Greece, which is often painted as

tives, came under fire from Italy and other Western countries last week when reneged on a promise to turn over a suspected Abu Nidal member, Abdel Osama Zomar, to Italy for trial and instead allowed

him to go to Libya.
U.S. officials in the past have accused Greece of making concessions to extremist groups to avoid terrorism on its soil, a charge that Greek authorities have denied.

The ferry attack was viewed by many as an warning to Greece from Abu Nidal, and the release last week was interpreted by Italian officials as Greece's response.

Mr. Kadar, whose alias include Michel Nabih Ruffael, Hezab Jadallah and Ahmad Abdel Hamid, first stepped out from the terrorist underworld into the international limelight in Cyprus with the Febru-ary 1978 assassination of an Egyp-tian newspaper editor, Yusuf Sabai, who was a close associate of

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, and a subsequent hijacking that ended in bloodshed, officials said. Cypriot authorities sentenced Mr. Kadar to death for the killing of the editor, for which Abu Nidal took responsibility. But then Cy-prus gradually whittled down his sentence until 1982 when, under pressure from Arab groups after the killings of Palestinian civilians in the Sabra and Chatila refugee districts in Beirut, they expelled



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In the meantime, according to Italian and U.S. counterterrorism officials, Mr. Kadar was "promot-

ed" within the Abu Nidal group. Officials said Mr. Kadar was assigned to direct Abu Nidal operations in ftaly. The first evidence of his presence in Italy has been traced to November 1982, the month after Palestinian commansynagogue, killing a 2-year-old boy and wounding 37 other people.

Mr. Kadar, who is in his late 30s or early 40s according to various documents he used, was described as attractive, charming and gifted in many languages.

Kadar met Aija Saloranta, a Finnish woman whom he eventually married in Sweden, according to ftalian magistrates investigating his Until he left Italy for Sweden in late 1985, Mr. Kadar is believed to have been involved in a string of

terrorist strikes that carried the hallmarks of most Abu Nidal operations: a recognizable political objective and disregard for any bystanders who got in the way.

Abu Nidal, the nom de guerre

for Sabry Banna, split off from the

Palestine Liberation Organization

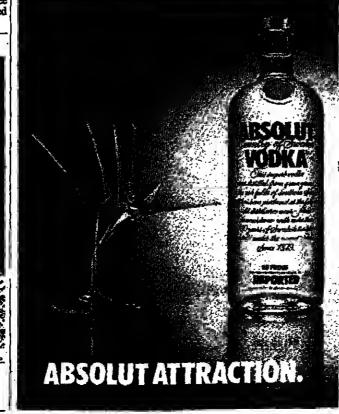
in a feud in 1974 and has since focused his attacks on Jewish or U.S. targets, at countries holding his henchmen prisoner, or at "mod-erate" forces in the Middle East.

Mohammed Sarhan, the lone survivor of the Abu Nidal squad that attacked the Rome airport, has testified that with the attack Abu month after Palestinian comman-dos fired on worshipers at a Rome Arafat's efforts to negotiate a solu-

tion to the Palestinian problem. It was not until 1986 that Italian authorities discovered that Mr. Kadar had been living in Italy. By then, he was in Stockholm with his rently unsuspecting new wife,

vho bore a son. It was at an Italian cafe that Mr. Before many of the attacks that he is said to have committed, Mr. Kadar apparently traveled to Libya - or that is the indication from airline tickets and the stamps on Libyan, Jordanian and Lebanese passports that he left behind along with his fingerprints in hotel rooms and the ruined car in Athens.

U.S. authorities contend that Abu Nidal moved his headquarters to Libya in 1987 after he was kicked out of Syria. Investigators looking into the Kadar case say the Libyan passport, arms and visits all point to involvement by that North





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A New Look at Debtors

While the Baker plan for Third World debt has not failed, neither has it succeeded. The idea was to get economies growing again in the indebted countries, and that has not happened. Income and GNP per capita are still sharply lower than in 1982, when the debt crisis began, and no higher than in 1985, when James Baker, then secretary of the Treasury, announced the plan. It proposed a bargain, with the indebted countries to undertake economic reforms and the rich countries to keep up the flow of financing. There has been a little of both reform and financing, but not enough of either to generate steady growth.

Now President-elect George Bush, in a press conference on Monday, has joined the growing consensus that it is time for a review of debt policy. What is needed, he suggested, is a revision of the original Baker plan rather than any radical new departure. That is entirely consistent with the detailed survey and recommendations just published by the World Bank.

Currently, it says, the net financial transfer between rich and poor countries is running northward, from the poor to the rich, at a rate of around \$40 billion a year and rising fast. That is foreign aid in reverse. This outflow is coming mainly from funds that would otherwise have gone into investment in those countries, and without great-

growth and rising standards of living.

Without adequate new financing, many of these countries find the economic reforms intolerably painful. Without progress on reforms, the commercial banks become more reluctant than ever to provide new money. It's a vicious circle.

The World Bank concludes that voluntary debt reduction deals need to be expanded, although it admits that the possibilities are not unlimited. The World Bank itself is going to have to lead more. To induce more leading by the commercial banks, it hints that governments might consider guarantees, not on the past loans but on future ones. The big debtors need to step up the pace of their internal reforms, but they need more tangible rewards for their own people in a process that is, for many of them, painful.

In the three Latin countries with the biggest debts --- Brazil, Mexico and Argentina democratic governments are under rising pressure. In all three, populist movements are gaining strength, and focusing their attacks on the debts. President Reagan always stayed far away from these realities, choosing to treat the Latin debts as a private matter between the banks and the borrowers. Mr. Bush sees a threat to U.S. interests, and he is apparently preparing to respond.

-- THE WASHINGTON POST

Three Tests for Tower

Pentagon galloped off on an unbridled spending spree, ordering new weapons left and right with a doubled budget. As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, John Tower presided over this procure-ment orgy. If confirmed as secretary of defense, he will have the opposite task: to cut away the excesses he condoned, without dam-.

aging the essentials of unititary preparedness.

The first incision in this difficult operation has already been made by the present secretary, Frank Carlucci. Unlike Caspar Weinberger, who infuriated Congress by refusing to discuss reductions, he accepted the inevitable, last year trimming \$250 billion out of the Pentagon's ambitious five year spending plan. As Senator Sam Nunn has remarked, Mr. Carlucci "inherited a nightmare" and turned it into merely a bad dream.

Mr. Tower, who seems from the start to have been the only candidate Mr. Bush seriously considered, has had to withstand semipublic scrutiny by the FBI of his personal life and ties to defense contractors.

His second test will be confirmation. Although senators usually let former colleagues breeze through, Mr. Nunn says he won't play the old-boy game and will insist on full access to the FBI's records of its inquiry. Mr. Tower's third test, the harshest of all. will be planning the future structure of the armed forces in daunting circumstances. The Senate had better assure itself of Mr. Tower's. problem is that the Pentagon is already com-

expensive weapons it can no longer afford.

Mr. Carlucci's cuts assume that Pentagon budgets will grow 2 percent a year after inflation. But Congress's appetite for any increase has been spiked by continuing fraud in Pentagon programs and by the vast federal deficits. The Pentagon will be lucky to get zero growth, in which case Mr. Tower would have to cut \$140 billion from the five-year plan starting next October.

But three items that are hard to touch pay, military readiness and money already approved for new weapons - constitute nine-tenths of the defense budget. Excising \$140 billion from the rest without causing serious damage will require utmost care.

That done, Mr. Tower must quickly re-

solve whether to proceed with the MX missile. favored by the air force, or the Midgetman missile, favored by Brent Scowcroft, the next national security adviser.

Mr. Tower must decide if he can afford the air force's new Stealth bomber, at half a billion dollars each, and the navy's new Seawolf submarine, at a billion each. He must plan how to maintain nuclear

defenses when he and his predecessors at Defense and Energy have permitted a total collapse in production of tritium, a vital component of nuclear weapons. All this would strain anyone's abilities. The

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Budgets and Recession

from large deficits to a respectable surplus. Good policy would seek a swing of \$160 would that throw the country into a reces- billion to a surplus of \$40 billion. Why \$40 sion? The answer is no, for reasons that billion? Because, with private savings at their deserve attention. The fear of recession is going to play a prominent part in the struggle over budget policy this winter. The antitaxers are already shricking that any increase in taxation threatens to plunge the world into economic catastrophe.

But as the deficit comes down, interest rates will also come down. They are currently very high in the United States, pushed up by the hot competition between private business and the federal Treasury. Business needs capital to improve and expand its plants, while the Treasury needs the same capital to finance the deficit. As the deficit falls, the competition abates. Lower interest rates will offset the effects of tighter budgets. That is the strategy for the prolonged economic growth that Mr. Bush promises, and that America needs.

It has happened before, and recently. Because of a one-time surge of revenue produced by a change in the tax laws, the deficit dropped by \$70 billion from 1986 to 1987. During that period the growth of the economy accelerated. The reason was that interest rates had also declined sharply in 1986.

If the budget stays on its present track, the deficit will still be very high, around \$120

If the United States swings its budget billion, when Mr. Bush's term ends in 1993. current meager rate, that is the surplus needed to get investment back up to the average level of the 1970s without increasing America's foreign debts. A shift of \$160 billion -\$40 billion a year during Mr. Bush's four years — can be accomplished without dangerous strains on the economy, even though it would assuredly require higher taxes.

A recession may happen during Mr. Bush's presidency. The historical record suggests that it is probable. It might be caused by a foreign crisis, like the 1973 oil crisis, which set off the 1973-75 recession. But it will not be the result of a falling deficit, as long as interest rates are responding - and the Federal Reserve Board has offered clear assurances that they will respond.

If a recession should occur while deficits

are still high, the country will have no acceptable way to fight it. The normal remedies, bigger deficits and lower interest rates, would be highly inflationary if the deficit were already huge when the trouble started. Moving from deficit to surplus would make Mr. Bush's economy not only healthier but, in an emergency, safer and better able to protect itself.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Challenge for the South

There is no doubt that massive changes are sweeping the globe, with developed countries rearranging their economies and setting up new alignments. In the face of this new order, it is vital that countries of the South, including members of ASEAN, prepare themselves well. LDCs have never had any significant success taking on the developed members of the North individually. Now with this move toward groupings of rich countries — the U.S.-Canada free trade area, expanding to include Mexico, and perhaps even a similar arrangement between Japan and the United States, and of course the free flow of people, goods and services within the European Community by 1992 — members of the South will have no choice but to do the same to survive. - Business Times (Kuala Lumpur).

South Africa Under Scrutiny

If the amount of time it has taken the world to press upon South Africa the need to let Namibia go free is anything to go by, then there is no way the rest of Africa is going to be found having a convivial tête-àtête with South Africa in any foreseeable future. The treachery, deviousness and bull-ish nature of the South African regime can be expected to be even more exposed now that the world disapproval would focus more fully on the internal stigma of apartheid. The message we wish to send to South

Africa is that just the mere signing of the Brazzaville protocol is not enough reason for it to feel welcome to attend dinner with other African leaders. How it behaves during the implementation of the delicate process will, to some extent, enhance its standing.

- Sunday Nation (Nairobi).

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If Moscow Means Business, NATO Has Work to Do WASHINGTON — Mikhail Gorbachev's amounteement of major Soviet force reductions has altered the political lendeness areas and as altered the political lendeness areas as altered the political lendeness areas as altered. The writer a Demonstration

the political landscape upon which the NATO allies must formulate their military posture and arms control proposals in the months and years ahead.

To be sure, there are uncertainties and risks. For example: • Can Mr. Gorbachev deliver, or will his opposition succeed in diluting

or even reversing the decision? · Will next year's Chinese-Soviet summit lead to substantial additional withdrawals from their common border? If so, will these forces be disman-

tled or redeployed to threaten NATO?

• Will the reductions be carried out in an honest way - that is, with proportional reductions from forces now forward-deployed near the East-West border (especially in East Germany) — or will they be drawn pri-

marily from rear units? • Where will the 10,000 tanks. 8,500 artillery pieces, 800 combat aircraft and assault river-crossing

units be redeployed?

• Will limits be set on "hot production lines" now turning out 3,400

modern Soviet tanks per year?

• Will the West be able to verify the Central Region reductions in an environment in which the Soviets are simultaneously carrying out the largest reorganization of the Red Army since World War II? An appropriate analysis of Mr.

Gorbachev's initiative also requires a candid self-appraisal by NATO of

its present posture:

• Because of the sharp conventional imbalances, NATO relies on the threat of early nuclear use to deter a non-nuclear attack.

• The NATO alliance has not em-

force improvements likely to raise the nuclear threshold in any significant regard, yet each year the public nuclear allergy becomes more acute. The credibility of NATO's early first-use threat is being eroded as the alliance's longer-range nuclear sys-tems are dismantled under the INF

Treaty and Western public opinion focuses on the short-range nuclear weapons remaining in Central Europe.

NATO's critical interest in moving away from reliance on early first use of nuclear weapons without reducing deterrence can be significantly co-hanced if NATO is assured of additional warning time before any possible large-scale Warsaw Pact attack.

At present, NATO believes that Sovict forces forward-deployed in Eastem Europe have sufficient capability to launch a major attack from a standing start with very little warning Rough preliminary calculations indicate that the reductions announced by Mr. Gorbachev would mean that the Soviets would not likely attempt a standing-start attack without reinforcing the remaining in-place forces. Moving the 5,000 tanks and associated manpower removed under the Gorbachev plan back to forward positions would take about a week.

Thus Mr. Gorbachev's reductions could give NATO seven extra days to prepare for a Soviet short-warning attack --- provided the cuts are fully and honestly implemented. By this I mean that Mr. Gorbachev rides herd on the

BANGKOK — Last December, the six heads of government of the Association of South East Asian

Nations issued a "Declaration of ASEAN Resolve" at the end of a meeting in Manila. The declaration

was supposed to signify the intention of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to reinvigorate their faltering program

of economic and political cooperation.

is no new impetus to ASEAN region-

alism. Rather than bold undertakings

to give substance to its reputation as a

Third World success story, the associ-

ation has confirmed existing patterns of interaction. These point in the di-

rection of moribund irrelevance to the

forces shaping the political economy of Asia and the Pacific.

stubbornly resisting integrationist pol-icies that would enhance the bargain-

ing position of the group and expand

its growth opportunities. Efforts to

promote a common market through

trade liberalization have had little impact. Intra-ASEAN trade was worth

about \$14 billion last year, a mere 9 percent of total trade involving the

member states. Attempts to develop

complementary manufacturing and

resource projects have not blended in

well with the competitive development strategies of the six separate countries.

The association's poor performance in economic cooperation has been bal-

anced by its outstanding success in mobilizing political opposition to

Vietnam's invasion and occupation of

Cambodia since 1978. This success has

created an impression of real political

But the member countries need to

respond with a common policy to the

external challenge of the Soviet-

backed intervention in Cambodia pa-

pered over deep internal divisions in ASEAN. These will inhibit political

collaboration, especially if there is a

quickening of the pace of diplomatic

negotiations to end the Cambodian

conflict. As Vietnam's 1990 deadline

for withdrawal of its forces from Cam-

bodia approaches, it is not clear what

will replace opposition to Victnam's

occupation as the political cement

Bilateral disputes and ethnic and

religious tensions within ASEAN

have considerable disruptive poten-

tial. Arching over them are widening

gaps in regional strategic perceptions.

There is growing concern among some ASEAN countries about Chinese pen-

etration of the region through a "win-

dow of opportunity" opening in Thai-land. This concern has been height-

ened by large-scale Thai purchases of

weapons from China in recent years

binding the ASEAN states.

ASEAN consists of six economies

A year later, it seems clear that there

of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

not be underestimated. For example, it would allow sufficient time for: Belgium and the Netherlands to

get their home-based brigades forward to their designated positions on the North German plain - the most likely avenue for a Warsaw Pact attack -- and for U.S., British and West German forces deployed in West Germany to move forward.

 America's allies to call up their reserves, and Britain and France to begin to move nationally based forces to the forward area — adding the equivalent of another six divisions to NATO's defensive front.

 NATO combat engineers to in-stall mine fields and other pre-positioned defensive barriers.

• The U.S. Air Force to fly 500 fighter aircraft to airfields in Western Europe — a reinforcing force equal to almost half the U.S.-based rapidly redeployable fighter inventory.

• The U.S. Army to send over the

lead cohelon of reinforcing divisions to begin breaking pre-positioned unit equipment out of storage.

NATO armies to disperse vulnerable equipment and distribute ammunition and supplies, and to put

logistics and command and control systems on a wartime footing.
In short, Mr. Gorbachev's announcement holds the potential of a meaningful reduction in the Warsaw Pact's short-warning threat. At the same time, NATO must recognize that his move presents the alliance with significant challenges.

Even if the cuts are fully and force-

fully carried out, a Warsaw Pact con-

tional warning time to NATO should ventional-force advantage on the order of 2 to 1 will remain. And the political effect of bona fide execution of the Gorbachev plan will be to greatly complicate NATO's interest in promoting increased defense contributions on the part of many allies and the modernization of its nuclear forces.

> In responding to the unique chal-lenges posed by Mr. Gorbachev's speech, NATO must be more than cohesive: It must be imaginative. A fundamental rethinking of the alliance's force posture and arms control

On the arms control front, NATO should seek an early data exchange for all relevant NATO and Warsaw Pact

positions is essential.

element in determining whether Mr. Gorbachev's unilateral reductions are being forcefully implemented. Second, NATO should propose in-

term on-site inspections by monitoring teams for all military mobilization centers such as airfields, railroad junctions and even military headquarters.

Third, we should propose a series of pilot-project verification experiments, perhaps performed by the same monitoring teams, that would guard against surprise attacks. These pilot projects should be initiated in time to verify Soviet implementation of the unilateral reductions over the next two years.

Fourth, on the military side, NATO must seek increased specialization in each nation's roles and missions. Each allied country should play the instruments it plays best

nologies that will render obsolete the considerable tank advantages that will remain with the Soviets even after the planned reductions are carried out.

Last, NATO must plan on a sustained program of vigorous public education, including clear explanations of our military needs and our arms control rationale. The alliance cannot expect to generate the needed public support for a sensible approach to redressing the asymmetries that will remain after Soviet reductions are complete in 1991 without a much bester public understanding of the relationship between conventional deficiencies and NATO's reliance on early first use of nuclear weapons.

If neither arms control nor NATO's own efforts to improve its convention. al forces succeed in filling continuing gaps in the alliance's forward defenses, then Western European publics must understand and accept that their terri-tory cannot be defended in the event of a Soviet conventional attack with-out the use of nuclear weapons in the first few days of the war.

Perhaps under Mr. Gorbachev's new doctrine of "defensive sufficiency" even the Soviet military will recognize that security and stability are not a zero-sum game. In an era of alert, a zero-sum game. In an eas or auxi, intelligent and bold Soviet leadership, the Soviet military must be prepared to answer a critical question. How is Soviet security enhanced by a threatening offensive posture that bleeds the Soviet economy, raises tension in neighbors and keeps NATO's finger close to the nuclear trigger?

The Washington Post.

A World Grown Weary of Wars and Revolutions?

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — A quarter-century ago, Hannah Arendt wrote that "wars and revolutions ... have thus far determined the physiognomy of the 20th century." withdrawing from Afghanistan. The Sandinistas and the contras have Little has happened in the past 25 years to make that great political phistopped killing each other on the borders of Nicaragua, The Vietnamese have reduced their garrisons in Cam-bodia. A U.S.-brokered agreement losopher's observation less apt. Yet as 1988 nears its end and we approach the century's final decade, the passions promises to bring peace to Namibia, a land fought over by South Africa and Angola, with the involvement of of mankind are bubbling less ominously and some prolonged conflicts thousands of Cuban troops.

Most remarkably, both the Cold
War and the Middle East conflict are may be on their way to settlement. The guns are silent in the Iran-Iraq war, which raged for most of the

decade and drew a vast international easing Barely a week after Mikhail Now for a Presidency of Substance

THE contrast between Ronald Reagan's farewell address and that of Dwight Eisenhower could not be greater. Eisenhower's speech was short on thetoric and long on specifics. Read a generation later, it more than bears the test of time. Its dual warnings about the dangers of a "military-industrial" complex" posing "the potential for disastrous rise of must laced power" and of "the opposite danger that public policy could itself become the captive of a scientific-technological elite" are even more worrisome today.

That model of calm statesmanship and careful exposition offers U.S. policy.

akers the most useful guide on how to respond best to the opportunities and challenges presented by the recent, dramatic international developments. Perhaps not in the post-World War II period has the prospect for fundamental change in world relationships existed so strongly. Rare diplomatic

opportunities suddenly present themselves.

The next cycle of American leaders, led by George Bush, must take advantage of these new opportunities. In the Bush era, unlike the Reagan one, of the reductions is not diluted success will require more than symbolic gestures. It will require clear words of through sleight-of-hand measures.

The significance of seven days' addiproposals on how to proceed. — Haynes Johnson in The Washington Post.

ASEAN: An Unfinished Bloc in Need of Cement

and a new plan to set up a reserve of security environment. There are no

By Donald E. Weatherbee

fleet to the Gulf. Soviet troops are Gorbachev announced large, unilateral cuts in Soviet forces in Eastern Europe and invited the United States to negotiate still deeper reductions, Yasser Arafat acknowledged the existence of the state of Israel, clearing the way for the first direct talks between the U.S. government and the

Palestine Liberation Organization. Add to all this signs of warming relationships between China and the Soviet Union, China and India, Japan and the Soviet Union, and Japan and South Korea, the approval of a free trade agreement between the United States and Canada that virtually erases their common border, and the progress toward a full European economic union in the next four years -it is an extraordinary pattern,

In an address given at the University of Virginia, President Reagan cited many of these developments and claimed credit for "the new coherence and clarity that we've brought to our foreign policy."

Two years ago, when the saga of the arms sale to Iran was unfolding, those words would have brought derisive laughter. Today, even critics would acknowledge that American in the stabilization of many relationships around the globe. But some of

ing of conflict in Central America. have occurred because Mr. Reagan's plans were thwarted. And others clearly have a dynamic of their own. It would take someone far wiser than I am to analyze the root causes of this worldwide military cooldown. But one common characteristic of these separate decisions appears to have been a recognition of the intolerable human and economic costs of continuing conflict. And a second is the waning force of clashing national-isms, of warring political doctrines, of rival ideologies and of the religious antagonisms that fueled these fights. At almost the same time that Hannah Arendt published her classe "On Revolution," from which this column's opening quotation was drawn, Edmund Stillman and William Pfaff, two students of foreign policy, published "The Politics of Hysteria,"

which was subtitled, "The Sources of 20th Century Conflict." In it, they argued that "the 20thcentury wars of nationalism and ideology ... [have] demonstrated the peculiar relationship between Faustian violence and ideology in Western history — that is, the link between an extravagant cruelty and

the pursuit of an illimitable, and Leaders gripped by religious, revo-lutionary, nationalistic or ideological passions are the ones who have disturbed the peace and kept the world knee-deep in blood. The consequences have been awful. Considering both the economic costs and the destructive potential of modern arms, including auclear weapons, it is no wonder that the nations that have gained most in both material wealth and international standing in recent years are those, such as Japan, that have most firmly

renounced resort to war.
But the course by which other nations and leaders have come, seeming-ly all at once, to acknowledge the costliness of conflict is something historians, or philosophers, will have to explain. All I know is that the ideologues seem to have lost their passion and plansibility, even in America.

Though his actions frequently lacked the philosophical consistency of his words. Ronald Reagan enployed the most ideological rhetoric of any modern American president By contrast, his chosen successor, George Bush, is clearly a man of moderate temperament and pragmatic instinct who is assembling an administration to match. Even as he campaigned with sharp-edged lan-guage against Michael Dukakis, Mr. Bush was careful to promise "a kinder, gentler nation."

The gunfire has not stopped — not in the Holy Land and not in the druginfested streets of Washington. At any moment, miscalculations could plunge the world back into war. But for now, "the politics of hysteria" has given way to the diplomacy of reasonableness. The sound you hear this Christmas is a worldwide sigh of relief.

The Washington Post.

Indonesia: A Big Partner With Priorities of Its Own

By Michael Leifer

Chinese munitions and other war ma-

Some ASEAN governments have refused to give a full endorsement of the U.S. military presence in the Phil-

ippines. Manila sought a common ASEAN position on the importance for regional security of U.S. bases in the Philippines to offset growing do-

mestic criticism of American military

involvement. The regional ambitions

of Indonesia, the largest and poten-tially the most powerful ASEAN na-

tain ASEAN cohesion in future will

probably not come from the external

The political coment needed to sus-

tion, are cloaked in ambiguities.

L ONDON — During a recent visit to Hanoi, Ali Alatas, the Indonesian foreign minister, met Hun Sen, prime minister of the Vennament ese-backed government in Cambo-dia. The meeting set a precedent — it was the first time an ASEAN foreign minister is known to have met individually with a senior representative of the Phnom Penh regime - and demonstrated a growing Indonesian

assertiveness in foreign policy.

When Vietnam installed a client government in Cambodia in January 1979, the members of ASEAN, inchiding Indonesia, treated that government as a parish. At first they continued recognizing the ousted Khmer Rouge government headed by Pol Pot; then they transferred recognition to a coalition of non-Communist groups that was formed in 1982. The coalition occupies Cambodia's seat in the United Nations.

For the past decade, the joint ASEAN position on recognition has not changed, although foreign minis-ters of the association took part in July in informal talks on Cambodia with Hun Sen and representatives of the resistance coalition. Those talks, which proved inconclusive, were held in Indonesia and arose from an initiative begun by its previous foreign minister, Mochtar Kusumaatmadja. That initiative expressed Jakarta's

frustration at the way the ASEAN

engagement in the Cambodian con-

flict had distorted Indonesian re-

Thailand, which shares a long

border with Cambodia, is the association's "front-line" state. From the outset, Thai security interests dictated ASEAN policy, drawing the group into an alignment with China against Vietnam and shifting ASEAN's political center of gravity from Jakarta to Bangkok.

threats looming on the policy horizon

as potent and immediate as the Viet-namese occupation of Cambodia. And it seems unlikely that ASEAN's disap-pointing economic cooperation will spur political solidarity. Instead, ASEAN leaders will need to show the

political will to institutionalize region-al collaboration, which so far has been

shaped by reaction to external events.

a regional political actor and economic bloc. The artificial separation of politics and economics should end. In-

stead of meeting separately, foreign

Indonesia has long regarded Chi-na as its prime external threat, and it expressed concern at China's recent use of armed force to seize some of the disputed Sprathy Islands, in the South China Sea, from Vietnam.

Jakarta views Hanoi as a potential security partner to be included in a structure of regional relations intended to counter Chinese influence. From this perspective, the Indonesian position on Cambodia has been ambivalent. The restraint imposed by a commitment to ASEAN is resented and demands for a more active foreign policy have become persistent.

A significant factor in Indonesia's

growing assertiveness in foreign policy is a strong desire to promote a Cambodian settlement that matches Jakarta's regional priorities. Foreign Minister Alatas's meeting with Hun Sen sent a clear signal to his ASEAN counterparts of that interest.

Beyond that, the meeting under-scored Indonesia's determination to restore the political center of gravity of the association to Jakarta

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and economic ministers should meet together. A unified council of ministers would be better able to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the region's changing political economy.

A permanent body of senior officials reporting to the council of min-

isters could exercise more authoritative day-to-day oversight than the present standing committee, which rotates between countries. The ASEAN secretariat, based in Jakarta, should be beefed up. The secretary-One approach is to enhance general should be given more status ASEAN as an organization, giving it and the professional staff expanded structures and authority to function as a regional political actor and economresolving conflicts between members. Such reforms would lessen the ad hoc nature of the association.

Whether these or other plans for change are adopted, the next ASEAN summit meeting will have to consider the vulnerability of the group's political framework. This will be important not only for ASEAN cohesion. It will make the organization better prepared to accommodate Indochina, and perhaps Burma, in a wider political and economic relationship.

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100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO.

1888: Eiffel Tower Strike PARIS — The higher the Eiffel tower rises the higher become the workmen's

ideas as to the wages they should re-ceive. Working in winter weather at an altitude of 200 metres rapidly loses its charm, and the various laborers employed on the structure decided yesterday [Dec. 20] to strike for a rise of 50 centimes an hour. M. Eiffel flatly refused to accede to this demand, and consequently the tower is likely to move more slowly in its upward march for some days to come.

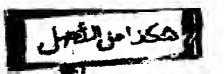
1913: Dockyard Ablaze

LONDON - Early this morning [Dec. 21] a vast section of Portsmouth dockyard was ablaze as a result of the greatest fire known in the history of British naval ports. A fire which originated in the semaphore tower had then been burning for five hours. The flames, like a great bea-

tained many historical and naval documents, dating back to Nelson and beyond. All have been destroyed.

1938: Chaplin's Dictator HOLLYWOOD - Hollywood pub

licity mills today [Dec. 20] ground out two "suprises" that were not of 2 routine nature, namely, early produc-tion of a Nazi spy story in which Chancellor Hitler is depicted in unflattering light, despite an official German protest, and the decision of Charlie Chaplin to play "The Dicas tor," a plan he dropped recently " the face of German objection to sail rizing the Führer. As soon as the announcement was released, German Consul Gyssling at Los Angeles intermediately protested to the Hays organ nization which guides the film indus-try's policy. Early in November Chaplin was reported to have yielded to advice against offending Hitler at ter working for nine months on the con, lit up the countryside for five picture, which was to have marked his debut as a talking character.



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the Soviet military will most security and stability are m m game. In an era of ala nt and bold Soviet leaders et military must be prepare et a critical question: How ecurity enhanced by a three. fensive posture that bleak the economy, raises tension in as and keeps NATO's ingr the nuclear trigger? The Washington Post.

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OPINION

Israel Will Not Play Dead, America — Like It or Not

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — It is just beginning.
The pressure will now increase for Israel to risk its very existence.
The purpose will be to force Israelis to

agree to the creation of a new country that would have a deep political, reli-gious and national drive to expand over the years into all of Israel,

Few countries have been asked to do that — risk nationhood by carving out a piece of territory and handing it to an enemy without a fight.

Czechoslovakia was pressured into doing that in 1938. To this day it has not

ON MY MIND

regained its freedom. Not many nations return from the graveyard of surrender.

The Reagan administration prepared the way for the pressure to come by its stunning turnaround on the Palestine

Liberation Organization.
Only a few weeks ago, Secretary of
State George Shultz denounced Yasser Arafat as a terrorist not even fit to visit the United States for a speech to the United Nations. Suddenly Mr. Shultz anointed the PLO as a negotiating partner, after 13 years of American, refusal to do so, making Mr. Arafat a victorious international hero.

The decision to legitimize Mr. Arafat came after he read aloud a U.S.-prepared statement that differed little from what he had said before about recognizing Is-

raci and denouncing terrorism.

No further price was asked of Mr. Arafat. Like renouncing the death to Israel covenant — as Mr. Bush himself demanded in September. Or proving over a decent amount of time that he had actually given up terrorism. Or, most important, acknowledging the right of a Jewish homeland to exist in the Middle East, not simply the fact that it was there. The frantic haste with which Mr.

Shultz accepted the parroted words of Mr. Arafat and ordered U.S.-PLO negotiations to start was perhaps understandable. He did not have many weeks left to carve out a niche in history. He certainly did that; his name and Mr. Arafar's will now always be connected.

1) Fears of a Mideast War

C EORGE Bush, James Baker and John Tower have no intention of cracking down on Israel. Their concern is over a major Mideast war, with the danger of Israel using nuclear weapons and the Arab states chemical weapons, if Palestinian nationalism is not factored into the Arab-Israeli struggle. Brent Scowcroft, who will be Mr. Bush's national security adviser, is also known to fear that a new Mideast war would be unavoidable without a West Bank-Gaza settlement.

- Rowland Evens and Robert Novak.

Just as astonishing was the speed and gentleness with which leaders of Ameri-can Jewish organizations announced

that despite misgivings about what he was doing they trusted Mr. Shultz.

Privately, the reason they give has little to do with trust of Mr. Shultz. which will not be of paramount impor-tance after Jan. 20. It is that they assume-President-elect Bush is delighted not to face the PLO decision himself, and they are in no hurry to take him on.

Let us clear away some of the camouflage thrown up around the decision. The State Department says Mr. Arafat fulfilled American conditions for dealing with him - recognition of Isra-

el's existence and renouncing terrorism. But those conditions were intended to be essential for even considering a U.S.-PLO link and were meant to be tested not a cooked-up maneuver for instant recognition. The PLO is already warning that its definition of terrorism will not coincide with Washington's or Isra-el's and says that is just too had.

More nonsense: Opposition to recognition of the PLO means opposition to peace talks between Israeli and Palestin-ian. Actually, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Shultz did two things likely to delay peace. They made the PLO the sole Palestin-

ian representative, squeezing out Pales-tinians on the West Bank with whom Israelis might have dealt.

And psychologically they have made the concept of another Palestinian state acceptable before talks even start. Until Mr. Arafat proclaimed the Pales-tinian state, the form of government of any territory given up by the Israelis was assumed to be one of the things that

negotiations were supposed to be about Should there be another Palestinian state? Or should any territory given up by the Israelis be governed otherwise — perhaps by West Bank Palestinians as part of a union with Jordan, a largely lestinian state itself?

Will the men who run the PLO and have been fighting all their adult lives for the destruction of Israel be satisfied with a sliver of a state? Will Mr. Arafat be content to be mayor of Bethlehem?

No speculation is needed. A Kuwaiti newspaper reported that after the U.S. recognition, Abu Iyad, an Arafat deputy also known as Saleh Khalef, said that establishment of a Palestinian state on part of Palestinian land would be a stage toward a Palestinian state on all of it.

The only question at a "peace conference" now would be bow much the PLO gets, how fast. Then, how loog before Israel hecame a vulnerable sliver — 10 years, 20? Israel will not commit suicide. It is

reasonable to hope that the new president of the United States will decide that it is immoral for one country to suggest that any other nation do so.

. The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Glasnost Theater Has a Hit

I'm confused. First Cal Thomas told us that Soviet defense spending had doubled under Mikhail Gorbachev "The Better to Eat You With," Opinion, Nov. 4). Then Henry Kissinger told us that many Warsaw Pact tanks were rusty, worthless junk. Then Mikhail Gorbachev himself complained that, due to demographic shifts, it would be difficult for the Red Army to maintain military manpower at current levels. Sooo after, the same Mr. Gorbachev flew to the United Natious amid much fanfare to announce his great gift: He plans to retire 10,000 of those rusty, worthless tanks and 500,000 of those

oooexistent young soldiers!

And oow, John Tower, before being worn in as U.S. defense secretary, offers the Soviets a counter-gift: a signifi-cant, very real reduction of NATO forces. Does all this add up to a naive West being duped hy wily, glasnost "theater"? Or did I miss something?

JED CURTIS. Geneva. Regarding "The Master Is Not to Be Trusted" (Opinion, Dec. 9):

William Safire's cynical portrait of Mikhail Gorbachev's offer of unilateral arms teductions as having been "forced by economic necessity" points correctly to a lesson painfully learned by other powers — that a bloated military-industrial complex drains the best talents and tesources of a nation, adding little to its economic competitiveness and

long term security. It is sadly ironic that this same lesson bas eluded those American conservatives who have lamented the decline of the United States in the international economic and political order even as they have champi-oned the debilitatingly wasteful mili-tary expenditures of the Reagan era.

WILLIAM HUO. Oxford, England.

It Sounds Like 1948

I was struck by the first two paragraphs of A.M. Rosenthal's opinion column, The PLO's Message Is Still of Cynical Rejectionism" (Nov. 19). I thought he was describing what happened to the Pales-tinians in 1948. Mr. Rosenthal's imaginary Palestinian begins: "I hereby declare that I am the rightful owner of the house

in which you live ... "
Of course, the Palestinians had it better of course, the Palestinians had it better in 1948 than the Israelis might have it in 1989. At least my father was given 10 minutes to pack the family's belongings. The terrorists, oot wanting to embarrass my father's family hy having them live "somewhere on the grounds," had them relocated. And my father didn't have to worry about rocks flying through the windows - the Israelis were fully armed to keep violence to a minimum.

MICHAEL R. HALABY. Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

Regarding "More PLO Ambiguity" (New York Times Editorial, Nov. 17):

The Palestinians have summoned the courage to recognize Israel. Now it's

time for the Israelis to recognize that the Palestinian dream of a nation is as valid and compelling as their own. JOHN SHELLEY.

Sadly, Romania Has It All Regarding "Ceausescu, Cultural Van-dal" (Opinion, Dec. 13) by Janet Heller:

At last a sign of interest from the all-powerful U.S. media. Why has the American press, scourge of scoundrels the world over, bad such a hard time discovering Nicolae Ceausescu? A few weeks ago, when the Romanian Central Committee confirmed its policy of razing villages, I found five matter-of-fact lines hidden in your newspaper.
What does it take? Dissidents bunted

down by the secret police? Hundreds of disappearances. People freezing and starving while a dictator's family lolls in huxury? Ethnic and religious persecution? You have all that in Romania. plus the most-favored-nation trading stams awarded by the United States.

[NAME WITHHELD]. Versailles, France.

The Proper Pecking Order

With the change of U.S. administra-tions approaching, I am getting confusing and contradictory advice about how to go about impeaching a vice president. Do you really have to impeach the president before you can get at the vice president? OWEN DENIS JOHNSON.

Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne, France.

The Science-Fiction Gospel According to St. Spielberg

By Aaron Latham

LOS ANGELES — At first, there was no room for "ET." in the inn. Steven Spielberg had sold the idea to Columbia Pictures, but the geniuses in the studio's market research depart-ment tried the idea out on a bunch of high school students. Would you like to see a story about an alien who comes to Earth and lives in the suburbs? After their survey, market research concluded that nobody wanted to see

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"E.T." So Columbia wasn't intererested in making the movie. "E.T." was in limbo, which is an even worse place to be than a stable.

So Mr. Spielberg took the script to Sid Sheinberg, the president of MCA, which owns Universal Studios. He had given Mr. Spielberg his first directing job, a TV episode, when the future legend was only 20 years old. Mr. Sheinberg read the script overnight and loved it. There was no room at Columbia's inn, but E.T." found a home at Universal

Of course, "E.T." went on to become the most successful movie ever made. Which isn't oecessarily so surprising when you stop to think that in many ways it was a remake of the bestselling book ever written.

I ooce mentiooed the parallels be-tween "E.T." and the New Testament at a dinner party in Hollywood. Harrisoo Ford, who sat across the table, seemed interested. But his wife, Melis sa Mathison, who sat to my right, was even more interested, or at least was nice enough to pretend to be. She wrote

the screenplay for "E.T."
"I bave a theory that I would like to try out on you," I said (as I recall). "All right," she replied.

"I know you'll ptobably say that I'm reading more into the story than is there," I said (more or less). "That's what writers usually say." Theo I poured out my analysis of

her movie as follows: E.T. comes to Earth from Heaven -

or at least the heavens. E.T.'s first home oo Earth is a small

shack, It is actually a tool shed, but it looks a lot like the suburban incarnatioo of a stable. E.T. suffers the little children to come

unto him, and teaches a lesson of love. Then E.T. dies -he is virtually put to death — but he rises from the dead.

And finally E.T. ascends into Heaven or at least the heavens.

Sound familiar? "Of course, you probably didn't have any of this in mind when you were writing the movie," I said to the screenwriter. "Of course 1 did," she said. "There were lots of other parallels. When E.T. gets sick and is lying in that culvert, that's the Garden of Gethsemane."

And ET. has the power to heal wounds. And ET. has disciples. And ET has a sacred heart that glows red. And not everybody believes in him, be-lieves he is real, at least not at first.

Naturally Mr. Spielberg, in directing the movie, sometimes strayed from the script that Melissa Mathison had written. Directors always do, and writers almost always object. After all, in the beginning was the word, so why oot do what the word says?

On this particular movie, the screen-writer felt that she was on stronger than usual ground in objecting to changes. For in the beginning was not only ber word but God's word, too. In deviating from her script, the director was also deviating from the Good Book. He was

messing around with Revealed Truth.
"I would tell Steven, You can't change that," Melissa Mathisoo said. "And he would ask, 'Why not?' And I would say, 'Because it says in the New Testament ... 'And Steven would get mad and say, 'Don't talk to me about the New Testament! I'm Jewish!"

So Melissa Mathison had writteo a science-fiction version of the New Testament, but Steven Spielberg wasn't directing a sci-fi Christmas story. Not

if be could help it. Which may be one of the reasons "E.T." worked so well. The parallels between the bero of the movie and the hero of the New Testament are there if you look for them, but they certainly aren't stressed. This collaboratioo between a New Testameot screenwriter and an Old Testament director created a subtle parable.

When "E.T." was finished, MCA-Universal decided to have the first pre-

view screening in Houston. All the executives flew to Texas to see it.

Sid Sbeinberg, the movie's godfather, was overwhelmed. "That first screening of 'E.T.' — 1 don't think there's ever heeo an experience like it," he recalled one afternoon in his office. "I surely will never have another ooe like it in film. I doo't think anyooe will have another one like it in film. It truly was like a religious experience. It must be a little bit like the way people feel if they feel they've seen God."

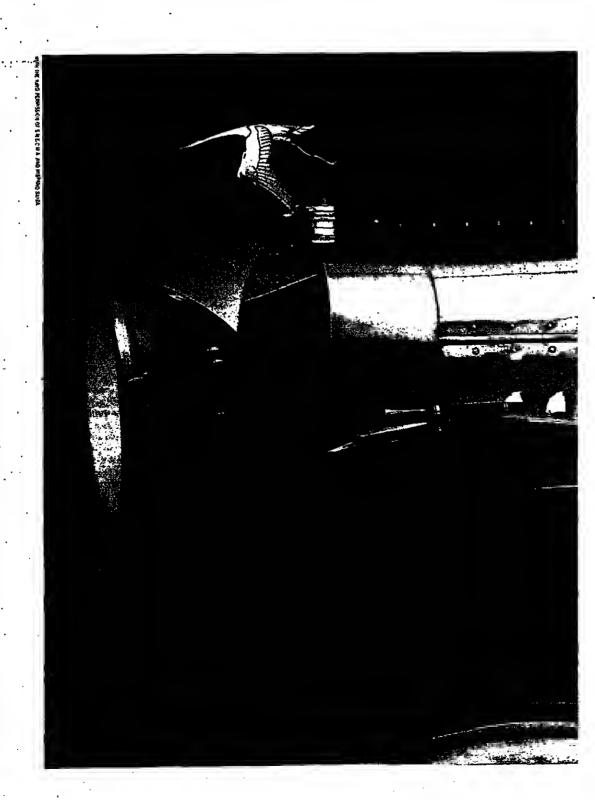
When the lights in the Houston the-

ater came up, Steveo Spielberg had tears rolling down his face. So the galaxy of Christ-figures in our

literature has received a new star from Prince Myshkin in Fyodor Dostoyevski's "The Idiot" to space-age foundling in Steven Spielherg's "E.T." Like a lot of Americans, E.T. will be

going home for Christmas. The ocw "E.T." video — which was released in time to travel home in lots of bright holiday shopping bags — will surely find its way to the foot of many Christ-mas trees. Which is appropriate.

The Washington Post.



Little wonder they don't build cars like they used to. Building a pen is difficult enough.

Oh, the elegant lines of the 1925 Hispano Suiza. Oh, the elegant lines of the 1927 Parker Duofold.

The car may oo looger be available but happily the peo is making a welcome return.

We have loog yearned to recreate this favourite Parker design. And our centenary has provided a suitable excuse.

Like today's top cars the Parker Duofold Centennial boasts working parts that are 'state-of-the-art.'

But uolike them, it boasts workmaoship that is somewhat old fashioned.

Rather than mould the cap and barrel 'en masse,' we machine them as we did in the old days, from a solid block.

Rather than cut the nib from some modern metal, we stay true to gold.

Rather thao slit the nib on some new fangled contraption, we still do the joh hy hand, using a blade no thicker than a human hair.

And just as Hispano Suiza road tested its cars thoroughly after manufacture, we put our peos through their paces.

Upon completion, each Duofold Ceotenoial is examined by a white gloved inspector. If deemed perfect, it is filled, written with and cleaned before being released for sale.

It is so exhausting way to produce a peo. But, as with the Hispano Suiza, the looks and haodliog provide ample reward.



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Cabinet Prospect Trips on Abortion Issue

WASHINGTON - Presidentelect George Bush canceled plans on Tuesday to announce new cabioct appointments after the leading contender for secretary of health and human services was quoted as largest mass transportation system. saying that he favored a woman's right to an abortion.

Officials in Mr. Busb's transition team said the snag was caused by comments made by the candidate. Louis W. Sullivan, a medical educator, over the weekend and printed in an Atlanta newspaper.

Mr. Bush called off a scheduled announcement of cabinet choices. He had been expected to name a Chicago mass transit official, Sam-

uel K. Skinner, as his transporta-tion secretary. Officials had predicted that an additional appointment, adding the first black to the new cabinet, was likely. cabinet posts, officials said. The

two were Mr. Sullivan and Julius W. Becton, a retired three-star army generai. The Atlanta Journal and Constitution reported that Mr. Sullivan,

president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, said in an interview that he supported a woman's right to choose to have an That appeared to be at odds with a statement released by Mr. Bush's office last week, after the two men

met io Washington. The statement said Mr. Sullivan had assured the vice president that he shared Mr. Bush's anti-abortion views. Eveo though Mr. Sullivan was

reported to have said that, like Mr. Bush, he opposed the use of federal funds for abortions, the weekend interview threw an obstacle io his path to the cabinet, transition and congressional officials said. The Atlanta Constitution report-

ed Tuesday that Mr. Sullivan had said Monday night that he was having trouble getting calls to the White House returned.

Mr. Sullivan told the newspaper that his stand oo abortion was private and that he did not intend to handle these oew guys.' Clients asdisagree publicly with Mr. Bush's anti-abortion views. He said be believed "there should be that right" for a woman to have an abortion. As of Monday, the vice president

had six to go. His prospective choice for transportation secretary, Mr. Skinner, is sion trying to find a formula for chairman of the Regional Trans- reducing the federal budget deficit. portation Authority of Northeast-

ern Illinois, the nation's second

Officials said Mr. Bush was also ready to name Mr. Becton as secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, an agency recently Washington law firm. Mr. Ashley, raised to cabinet level. Mr. Becton a longtime friend of Mr. Bush's, currently heads the Friend. currently heads the Federal Emer-spent 26 years in the House of Repgency Management Agency.

phasizing his opposition to tax in- tee. He now is president of the right."

Democrat, to a national commis-

taxes," Mr. Bush said. "There are a stock market plunge. lot of people around saying I can't Mr. Laxalt served two terms in

Also on Tuesday, Mr. Bush, emmember of the Banking Commit-nomie Commission. That's not

had filled eight cabinet posts and had six to go.

His properties choice for the six to go.

Republican, and Thomas Ashley, a panies, a lobbying group.

The appointments put the National Economic Commission at its full strength of 14 members. The "I intend to hold the line on panel was created last year after the

In the past, Mr. Bush has appeared suspicious of the National Economic Commission, warning the U.S. Senate before joining a that it might try to promote a taxincrease plan to cut the deficit. But he said Tuesday: "Some have suggested I am something less than resentatives and was a top-ranking enthralled with the National Eco-

MOOD: Familiarity Breeds Content Washingtonians

Mrs. Bush's favorite charity - a

Two blacks have been in line for program to improve children's reading skills. That sigh of relief has been repeated all over town, even by some

emocrats, since the election. Of course, many Democrats are grieving over their sentence to four more years in the wilderness. At a holiday party at the home of Smith Bagley, a social lion during the Carter years, the host gazed at his guests, a pantheon of Democratic power brokers, and muttered, "Boy, would this have been a party

if Dukakis had won." But when it comes to the daily business of Washingtoo - lawyering and lobbying, selling influence and buying access, promoting cli-ents and producing parties — even Democrats admit that business as

usual is just fine. "It's not really a transition," said Frank Mankiewicz, vice president of the public relations firm Hill & Knowlion and an adviser to many Democratic candidates. "There's a sense, bowever imperfect, that things are the same," he said.

"A lot of it is a state of mind. There isn't this sense of great change. We don't have to go out sume there won't be any new guys."

Bekin's, a prominent moving company, says the election has pro-duced few clients heading in either

move away, said Thomas B. Lan- part - playing with his grandchildreth, the company's general man-ager, is George Bush Jr., who re-about family values. turned to Texas and his own

New administrations usually have produced new social arbiters, individuals with close ties to the first family who rode into town with them and presided over the parties everybody wanted to attend. But even that is not happen-

Penne Korth, co-chairman of the inaugural committee and a possible choice as chief of protocol, traces her roots to Texas, but she and her busband, a lawyer, have been in Washington since 1965. Her fatherin-law, Fred Korth, is a Democrat who served in the Truman and Kennedy administrations.

Periods of Washington history are still defined by presidents' terms. Each new one imprints his style and character on the capital. In that sense, the Bush years are likely to differ sharply from the

If Mr. Bush is already a neighbor, his style is also neighborly. Instead of the glamour of the Reagan White House, with its Holly-wood celebrities and New York designers, there will be Sunday brunches with old friends, grandchildren and dogs.

Mr. Reagan is a great storyteller but a poor conversationalist, a man who relates to the camera but not direction, in or out. One who did to individuals. Mr. Bush lives his

"Ronald Reagan comes across warmer on TV," said Ms. Ikard, "but when you bump into George Bush - although you know this is not true - he makes you feel that for the last two weeks, you're the one person he was hoping to bump

Mrs. Bush is an important part of this style. "It's like a switch from Joan Collins to the mom on 'Little House," said Mr. Mankiewicz. 'The grandmom, actually."

The Capitol Steps, a popular singing group that specializes in satire, has captured that thought with a oew song, "A Kennebunk-port Christmas," sung to the tune of "Silver Bells." It includes this

There's another Sweet grandmother Wearing housedress and pearls With a wardrobe less fancy than

Dines at Denny's With her grandsons and girls With a hairdo she got in Des

To the extent that Mr. Bush brings a Texas touch to the White House, it will not be "hokey Texas, oot chili and boots," said a Washington convention planner. "It's establishment Texas, solid money, more compatible with Washington

Mail Bombs **And Fires** In Stores Disrupt U.K.

LONDON - Police ordered security checks at post offices and shops across Britain on Tuesday

after overnight fires damaged department stores and bombs were found in Christmas mail. Anti-terrorist officers and police

investigated the possibility that fires at four leading department stores, one of which was destroyed, were the work of animal rights activists or an anarchist group.

They feared further incidents as thousands of Christmas shoppers packed stores and post offices were inundated with holiday mail. We can't afford to take any

police spokesman said. In the worst incident, fire cause millions of pounds' worth of damage to Dingle, the biggest department store in the southern city of

Smaller fires, at Harrods and Selfridges in London and at Howell's in Cardiff, Wales, were put out quickly, and a bomb at the House of Fraser store on Oxford Street in London was defused.

The Angry Brigade, an anarchist group that carried out attacks on government targets in the 1970s, claimed responsibility for the Plymouth fire in a telephone call to

For that fire, suspicion also fell on militants of the Animal Liberation Front, which opposes the ex-ploitation of animals. A group spokesman in the Devon area, which covers Plymouth, denied responsibility.

Most of the stores are owned by

the Al-Fayed brothers' House of Fraser chain, which sells animal furs and has been a targets of the animal rights group. The shadowy Animal Liberation

Front bas carried out a sporadic protest campaign in Britain; among other things, it has sabo-taged butcher and fish shops.



Fire fighters work to douse flames at a store in Plymouth in southern England.

London, Amid Pressure From MPs, Selects a British Company's Tanks

By Warren Getler

LONDON - The government, amid intense pressure from Parlia-ment to "buy British," announced Tuesday that it had provisionally selected a British model for a new battle tank over competing U.S.

and West German tanks. But the defense secretary. George Younger, who made the announcement in the House of Commons, stopped short of plac-ing a full order with Vickers PLC, the British company bidding for the £1.3 billion (\$2.3 billion) con-

Mr. Younger said Vickers would be awarded a preliminary £90 million "demonstration" contract to develop nine prototypes of its pro-posed Challenger II Mark 2 tank by September 1990 before a final decision would be made.

The final order could involve as many as 600 tanks, Mr. Younger said during a press conference later Tuesday. The tanks are to enter service with the British Army on the Rhine by the mid-1990s, replace goods."

ing British-built Chieftain tanks. question in Parliament, said that the British-built model. Before the the "balance of the decision" to announcement, more than 100 move ahead with the Vickers tank. Tory MPs had signed a "buy Brit-was based on "technical merits." ish" petition.

The Vickers Challenger II is still in the development phase. The Challenger I is in service but has been dogged by problems in firing

The defense secretary stressed "options open" during Vicker's demonstration trials, noting that any failure to meet the Defense Ministry's performance require-ments could result in the contract being awarded to General Dynamics of the United States, builder of the Abrams MI AI tank, or to Krauss Maffei AG of West Germany, manufacturer of the Leopard II

liament and at the oews conference later, Mr. Younger made clear that be expected Vickers to "deliver the

Both Conservative and opposiaccording to the Defense Ministry. tion members of Parliament warm-Mr. Younger, in response to a ly welcomed the decision to pursue

Asked whether the need to maintain a domestic tank industry had factored in the decision, Mr. Youn-ger said: "That was not a very strong factor as far as we are con-cerned at the Ministry of Defense. that Britain would be keeping its That would not convince us to buy a tank that is any less good than

Mr. Younger expressed confidence that the Challenger II would be of a "standard in excess of the current Abrams M1 Al" in service in West Germany, but he did not say whether he thought the pro-posed British tank would preform petter than the updated version of the M1 Al on offer.

Donald Gilleland, a General Dy namics spokesman, said in a me interview that the update MI 111 could be ready for delivery by 1922.

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Pope Names Prelate Over **Protests**

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service ... Y ROME - Pope John Paul II put an end Tuesday to a 15-month struggle with West German clergymen by choosing Cardinal Joachim Meisner, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Berlin and East Germany, to lead the wealthy and influential Archdiocese of Cologue.

The selection of Cardinal Meisner, like the pope a doctrinal conservative, was not a popular one in Cologne, where senior church officials had made clear that the preferred someone more liberal and more familiar with their city.

Even before the announcement, a group of lay Catholics in West Germany protested that John Paul Il was forcing his will upon them "through absolute, undernocratic and authoritarian methods."

Several West German politicians also had spoken out against the cardinal, saying he should not be appointed against the wishes of the Cologne Cathedral chapter, made

up of leading clergymen.

In Berlin, where he leads the church for both sides of the city, Cardinal Meisner said Tuesday he had told the Cologne clergy, "We have something in common --- you did not want me, and I did not want you."

According to a Reuters report, he also said, "We shall have to make a marriage of love out of this shotgun marriage."
The cardinal, who will turn 55

Christmas Day, fills one of the most influential church posts in Europe, After Chicago, Cologne is the world's richest archdiocese,

with a 1988 budget of \$517 million. Cardinal Meisner, however, does not automatically become head of West Germany's 16 million Catholies. That role belongs to Bishop Karl Lehmann of Mainz, who replaced the last archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal Joseph Hoeffner, as chairman of the West German

Bishops' Conference in late 1987. Since then, the Vatican and the Cologne church have been in a tugof-war over the next archbishop.
The Cologue Cathedral chapter asserted its authority, invoking a

1929 concordat that gave local clery gy a strong voice in the selection.

The 16 chapter members pro-posed three candidates, but the pope immed them down. In turn, he oposed three candidates, including Cardinal Meisner, and the Cologne church leaders rejected them.

This led to a standoff and an increasingly public dispute that to the Vatican's uritation, was joined by political figures in the West German states of North-Rhine West-phalia and Rhineland-Palatmatic





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Both dictionaries are basically reliable and certainly welcome, but both suffer from having been written by a team of underpaid writers. Grove paid at least two of its contributors I know of with reduced price compons to buy the dictio-nary. And Philippe Carles, one of the Lationt editors, says that there 53 collaborators rather than the

original two. Kernfeld, a musicologist, and his



ARTS/LEISURE

By Richard Laermer

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Andrew Birkin has always been fascinated by boyhood innocence. The director of the new film "Burning Secret" wrote a television play in 1976 titled "The Lost Boys." It was the story of the three boys who inspired J.M. Barrie to write "Peter

In 1979, Birkin's biography of Barrie, ri-tled "J.M. Barrie & the Lost Boys," included many of the letters and documents that Barrie used to write his story about a boy who could not grow up. While researching his book, Birkin continually read Barrie's countless versions of "Peter Pan." This was instructive because now Birkin has written and directed his first film, based on a short story by Stefan Zweig, which, in its depiction of lost innocence, is the exact opposite of Bar-rie's story of "Peter Pan."

In an interview about the film, Birkin said that Zweig wrote about "the thrill of finding out the secret of what is between adults and that is basically sex." In Birkin's film, the protagonist, Edmund, is first "elated" by his discovery and then miserable because "he becomes aware of his own sense of loss."

Edmund played by David Eberts, and his mother, Sonya, portrayed by Faye Dunaway, leave his father to spend a week at a resort where Edmund will be treated for asthma. While there, the boy befriends the mysterious Baron, played by Klaus Maria Bran-

ful "Stop the World - I Want to

Get Off," neither Bricusse nor

daner, who soon flirts with and seduces his director as a mentor. "If it caught the eye of mother. Edmund is jealous, angry and con-

A 'Peter Pan' Fan Takes Another Look

It is during the moment when he realizes what is occurring between Sonya and the Baron that Edmund first "gets a light bulb of recognition," said Birkin. He identifies with Edmund's changing emotions because he considers himself "as unpredictable as a child who never grew up." And he recognizes the loss of innocence that Edmund experiences as being something Barrie fought

against.
"It's tragic," said Birkin, agreeing with
Barrie, who wrote: "Nothing much happens
to us after we're 12."

As an adolescent, the director tried to remain uninhibited. "I lived oblivious to the rules," he said. "Everyone thought I was mad, but I always wanted to cling to child-hood, which is probably why I waited to make this my first feature."

Birkin came upon the Zweig story by accident. In 1981, studios were anxious to work with him. He had earned an Academy Award nomination for a short, "Sredni Vashtar," which was about a young boy who prays to a private god in order to keep his pet ferret. A producer recommended the Zweig project. Birkin was intrigued because it had recently more emotionally charged scenes first because they could be filmed indoors.

Space Odyssey," described the iconoclastic both of them," said Birkin.

the maestro, I figured it must be worth a

second look," Birkin said.

He feared, however, that people would not flock to the film, but the film's distributor, Vestron Pictures, disagreed and encouraged him to go ahead. He signed Dunaway and Brandauer to play the secret lovers, but the

boy was the key.
"I would not sign a contract until Edmund was cast," he said with uncharacteristic fierceness. "I knew that, if the boy worked and nothing else worked, we would still have a movie. If everything else worked and the boy didn't, we wouldn't have one."

With a little luck, and a small bribe, he found David Eberts, a non-acting student at the American School in Loudon. In recent years, the American School has been such a popular ground for film directors that it has started locking them out during the school

The filming of the idyllic tale was hardly ideal. This movie is set in the dead of winter, and in Marienbad, Czechoslovakia, it was the first January in 100 years there was

During their weeklong visit, the boy real-Birkin, who was a "runner" on "2001: A izes that the Baron has "spun a web over

Dunaway said her character is susceptible because she is also a child. "It is the boy who comes up with the answers," she said in an interview. "He sees what his mother is doing, but can't believe it. He sees the Baron betray-

ing her, but can't articulate it.
"Everybody is trying to be innocent in this

Mother and son are "mutually intrigued by the Baron, in slightly different ways." Dunaway felt that, winde neither "want to lose themselves to him, both are intrigued by this threat to their status quo."

Birkin has consistently worked on stories of children's innocence lost or reinforced, yet he claims no kinship with the anthor of "Peter Pan."

"I may be childish and outrageous," he said, "but Barrie never grew up emotionally, and that is a tragedy."

There is still. Birkin added, a "Peter Pan" movie in his future. Yet he considers the conflicts in "Burning Secret" to be more interesting than those in "Peter Pan." "The fact that one has to lose one's innocence is the stuff of which drama is made," he said. "It's when you start hiding your originality behind layers and layers."

Birkin asserted that his own loss of innocence came as no shock, since his grand-mother used to tell him that boys have high voices because they are close to the angels. 41 understood it to mean when my voice breaks, that will be my fall from God."

A Strong Revival for Early Williams Play

Margoyles as the God-fearing

painter, the Canadian actor Jean-

Marc Barr in the Brando role of the

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune
ONDON — Though already in economic and artistic dispute with the owner-management of his

THE LONDON STAGE

new home at the Haymarket, Sir Peter Hall brings that theater a rare touch of trans-Atlantic classical courage with "Orpheus Descend-ing," the script that Tennessee Williams first wrote back in 1940 as "Battle of Angels" but is now best known as a movie entitled "The Fugitive Kind."

as "the tale of a wild, spirited boy traditional assembly of Williams who wanders into a conventional characters on the run from their who wanders into a conventional characters on the run from their community of the South and cre- own lives. Julie Covington as the ates all the commotion of a fox in a young Blanche figure, Miriam chicken coop," it was the first of his plays to get a professional production (in Boston), and retains a kind of fascination for the early glimpses it affords of Blanche du Bois and Big Daddy and all the other doomed, emetional vagrants of his later and better plays.

True, those wrought-iron scenes are already dreadfully overwrought, and the mood in Two River County is ripe for a lynching

guitar-strumming drifter and above all Paul Freeman as the evil, dying husband, are all gathered around Vanessa Redgrave as the Italian owner of a dry-goods store already orphaned by the Kn Klux Klan and now about to unleash another bloodbath around her own passionate encounters A rare example of great compa-

acting within a commercial West End proscenium arch, Hall's production comes as a sharp re-minder of how early in his 20s Williams acquired the mythic, poetic and operatic greatness that was to characterize "Streetcar," "Sweet Bird of Youth" and "Cat on a Hot

At the Duke of York's, Tom Stoppard's "Artist Descending a Staircase" is an old radio play from 1972 given a lively staging by Tim Luscombe. Like the later Stoppard, "Jumpers" and "The Real Inspec-tor Hound," this is a murder mystery turned into a linguistic parodypuzzle, but here concerned with three avant-garde artists and the blind girl who comes to live with them. The play moves back in time forward again in an intricate pattern of overlapping or conflicting memories. In the end it is a surprisingly simple tale of friendships es-tablished and betrayed; in 80 minutes, Alan MacNaughton, William Lucas, Peter Copley and Sarah Woodward play it quite beautiful-

The Christmas musical at the Or-ange Tree in Richmond is a 1960s curiosity by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bricusse that achieved a re-

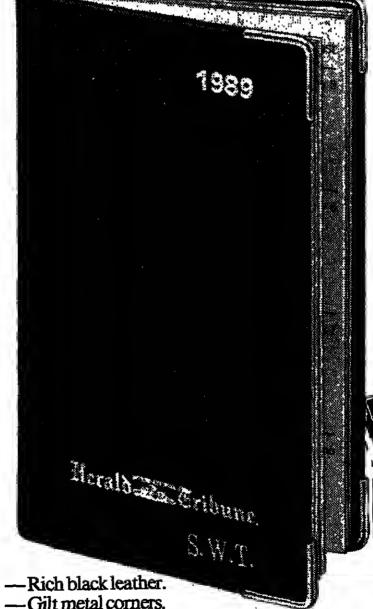
ley himself in the lead but closed on use a librettist, so we are left with a a British road tour before reaching London. This is therefore the local premiere of "The Roar of the Grease Paint - The Smell of the Crowd," and despite an agile new production by Kim Grant they were wise not to open it even in the West End of a quarter-century ago. Though it has a vastly better score than the same team's more success-

ramshackle charade resembling a "Waiting for Godot" singalong in which a winsome young tramp slugs it out with an elegant old Edward Brayshaw as the veteral

tyrant lacks the sinister majesty of Cyril Ritchard in the Broadway original, but Howard Samuels is less smugly self-pitying than was Newley and those songs are among the best ever written for an English Newley ever seem to have had the musical of the 1960s, though that is faintest idea of plotting or con-still not saying a great deal.



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Vanessa Redgrave, Jean-Mare Barr in "Orpheus Descending."

Jazz! Read All About It!

By Mike Zwerin

International Herald Tribune DARIS — There has been a dearth of complete, dependable up-to-date documentation on jazz since the last edition of the Leonard Feather/Ira Gitler encyclope-dia in 1976. Fans who read French will have trouble choosing between two dictionaries published last

First, the main attraction, weighing in at 1,130 pages, two thick volumes, 4,500 entries, 220 illustra-tions, the New Grove Dictionary of Jazz, published by Grove's Dictio-naries of Music, Inc. It looks like a heavyweight champion and is sold in England for £225 and in the United States for \$295.

In a lighter division and fighting for a smaller purse but sparing with class, the French softcover Dictionaire du Jazz published by Robert Laffont with 1,160 pages, 2,500 entries, 39 illustrations and

It is revealing that only British and French publishers are interest-ed in investing in the documentation and preservation of what is historically an American art form. (Each has about 200 entries covering its native musicians.) The Grove editor Barry Kernfeld says that, before he started this project 4 1/2 years ago, he had no idea how international jazz has become.

was so much more work than antic-ipated that the publisher's advance finally had to be divided between

contributors, mostly academics, have produced a scholarly work that expresses no opinions and

sential facts. Anecdotal illumina-tion such as Lester Young's admiration for Frank Sinatra and who gave Wynton Marsalis his first trumpet (Al Hirt), both included by Laffont are ignored by Grove Laf-font's writers, mostly journalists, have in general been permitted more freedom to stretch out. Compare the entries on the guitarist Larry Coryell:

Grove: "Coryell has an excellent

Both dictionaries look at record firms, producers, festivals and clubs as well as styles, trends and techniques.

technique and is versatile and imaginative; although he cannot be identified consistently with any jazz style."

Laffont: "Coryell's style is a de-

lectable and explosive cocktail of country and western, blues and bop. . . his notes have sparkling

They both include articles about record companies, producers, festi-vals and clubs as well as styles, trends and techniques such as "Slaptonguing," "Riff," "Comp,"
"Big bands" and "Walking bass." Grove's articles are more basic, for a more general public, generally more conservative. Laffont is "hipoften closer to what musiper," often closer to what mus-cians might have written if they could write. But there are glaring

errors on both sides.

Many musicians will cringe reading in Grove that the late (white) baritone saxophonist Pepper Adams "used stylistic devices more

sticks to a rather dry and narrow often associated with black playdefinition of what constitutes es- ers; these included adventurous harmonies, a gruff tone, and a large sound," which is appalling nonsense. Laffont omits at least two of France's world-class musicians the pianist Alain Jeanmarie and the saxophonist Richard Raux. With a more contemporary ac-

> of jazz, Laffont includes Zydeco and Jimi Hendrix, ignored by Grove. The pianist Cliff Smalls, who played with the Carolina Cotton Pickers from 1935 to 1942, is only in Grove. The only in Grove. The drummer Oliver Johnson, who played with Jean-Luc Ponty, Gato Barbieri and Steve Lacy, is only in Laffont. The Jazz Cardinals, a 1926 Chicago band with the cornetist Freddie Keppard and Johnny Dodds on clarinet, are only in Grove.

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As is unfortunately often the case, it comes down to a question of money. If you can afford 225 quid for the Grove, another 120 francs hardly matters. Buy both, Though Grove has nowhere near 20 times more or better information, its sturdy binding and large format will look better in your library and endure more thambing. On the oth-er hand, the Laffont contains enough information for anybody other than the type of collector who absolutely must have every last baseball card.

P.S. Prentice-Hall has just issued the American edition of "Jazz: The Essential Companion" by Ian Carr, Digby Fairweather and Brian Priestley, three British writers who are also musicians, which was published in England by Collins last year. A deadline leafing: "Larry Coryell's career has been dogged by crises of both confidence and identity, because he has rarely been able to unify the opposing facets of his enormous talent." And Pepper Adams's "hard, dry-sounding tone enhanced the razor-edged precision of his timing and his unstoppable steam-roller lines." One thousand six hundred entries for \$24.95.

'Outsider' Elected President of Sri Lanka South Korea

New York Times Service

COLOMBO - Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa, who was born in poverty but rose through the inner-city labor movement to the top of a political establishment dominated by aristocrats, was declared the winner Tuesday of Sri Lanka's presidential elections.

Mr. Premadasa, 64, won Monday's vote by a very narrow margin above the 50 percent-plus-one required by the constitution.

Mr. Premadasa received 50.4 percent of the vote, edging former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike of the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the government commissioner of elections, Chandrananda de Silva said.

Mr. Premadasa, will be swom in on Jan. 2 at the ancient Sri Lankan royal city of Kandy, he said in a speech Tuesday.

"This is a victory to all those individuals and parties who are dedicated to the ballot," he said. We are all relieved that sanity has prevailed over terror."

As gangs of supporters from Mr. Premadasa's United National Party took to the streets to set off fireworks Tuesday night, a curlew was imposed on the country to prevent post-election violence. Interparty warfare is common after elections results are announced in Sri Lanka

The voting was marred by attacks assumed to have been mounted by leftist Sinhalese revolutionaries with a list of political, social and

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Jayawardene, who has given half a century of his life to public service,

Although Sri Lankan society is dissolved Parliament to prepare for a legislative election on Feb. 15.

be drawn from the parliamentary ecutive power in the French style. Mr. Premadasa's main rival, minister and leader of the centerleft Sri Lanka Freedom Party, fin-concerns. ished the race with 44.9 percent. A third candidate, backed by a coali-

tion of leftist parties, Oswin Abeygoonasekara, won only 4.6 percent. The results show that Mrs. Bandaranaike was hurt by the antielection campaign of the leftist Sinhalese radicals of the People's Liberation Front and Patriotic

People's Movement. The two groups — who have been using intimidation and terror in the south against people who they regard as supporters of an Indian-Sri Lankan agreement that brought Indian troops to Sri Lanka to quell an ethnic Tamil insurgency - frightened away voters in areas where Mrs. Bandaranaike's strength would have been greatest.

Turnout among the 9.37 million registered voters was just over 55 percent, low by Sri Lankan standards. In the first direct presiden- disadvantaged as their neighbors in

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Although Sri Lankan society is not so openly divided by caste as that of India, birth still plays a part The next prime minister will be in social attitudes, and many Sri Lankans feel compelled to mention majority, in a system of shared ex- that in a highly literate society with a powerful landed aristocracy, Mr. Premadasa seems out of place. The Mrs. Bandaranaike, a former prime ruling party had him nominated by two high-caste colleagues, to allay

> As a boy, he was educated in Roman Catholic schools, though the family was Buddhist, like the majority of ethnic Sinhalese, who form about three-quarters of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

> Mr. Premadasa, a colorful orator, was named prime minister in 1978, after Mr. Jayawardene rewrote the constitution and became president. Mr. Jayawardene was elected directly in 1982 by a large popular margin.

As prime minister, Mr. Premadasa, who enjoys the company of entertainment-industry stars, enhanced his reputation among ordinary citizens by promoting housebuilding on a large scale - he called the last phase the "million houses" program.

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Junius R. Jayawardene, who says

Mr. Premadasa was born on

South Asia Literacy rates are very high, and birth rates low, and thus some political analysts believe his

But it is in foreign policy that Mr. Premadasa has had his most serious problems, and will find his most difficult challenges, by most

A man with no natural flair for international affairs, he has never disguised his animosity toward India. When the Indian-Sri Lankan accord was signed in 1987, Mr. Prefor burning a U.S. government madasa absented himself from the

After finally agreeing to intro-duce the legislation on Tamil rights required by the accord, Mr. Premadasa became circumspect when asked if he would rescind it, as many Indians fear he will.

In his short speech after being declared the election winner, Mr. Premadasa focused entirely on internal affairs.

Talking of the need to climinate poverty and other social problems, he also made an appeal "to those who have still to join the democrat-

"Please make up your minds soon," he said to Sinhalese militants. "You have another chance at the forthcoming parliamentary elections. Your participation will enable us to eradicate fear and poverty with greater speed."

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To Release **Political Prisoners**

The Associated Press SEOUL - The government announced Tuesday an amnesty for more than 2,000 "politically motivated offenders," including two who were serving 20-year sentences

The Justice Ministry said the clemency was approved at a special cabinet session.

Ministry officials said 281 prisoners would be released Wednesday. Among them were to be Kim Hyun Jang and Moon Boo Shik, serving 20-year sentences for leading a raid on the U.S. Cultural Center in Pusan in 1982.

Protesters set fire to the building to protest U.S. support for the government of then-President Chun Doo Hwan. One person was killed and three were wounded.

A further 1,581 people already freed on parole will have their civil rights restored Wednesday, authorities said, 92 prisoners have their sentences reduced, and 61 people who were sought by police will be taken off the wanted

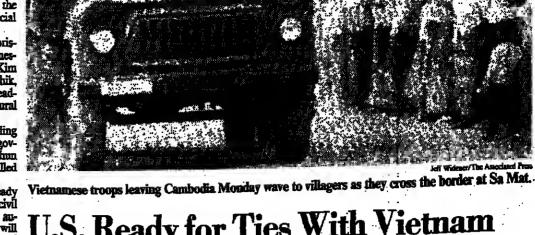
Among those who will be granted restoration of civil rights is a prominent dissident, Kim Kun rae, who was freed in June. He received the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Human Rights in April. Mr. Kim was sentenced to five years in prison in 1986 for inciting unrest, but supporters alleged he was forced to confess by police tor-

South Korean authorities inveseating an alleged bribery case involving the U.S. aircraft maker Northrop Corp. have arrested a key figure on charges of violating foreign exchange laws, Agence France-Presse reported from Seoul. Government prosecutors said Tuesday that Lee Min Ha, 57, for-

mer chairman of the Dongyang Ex-press Co., was arrested Monday for alleged illegal possession of \$3.5 million he received in September

The officials added that they were investigating allegations that Northrop made illegal payments to Korean officials to promote the sale of its F-20 fighters. Eventually, a rival aircraft was purchased. [The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that the U.S. Justice De-

partment was investigating whether Northrop officials received any of \$7.75 million paid out in 1984 to secure the F-20 contract, A federal grand jury in Los Angeles is investigating whether payments Northrop made to South Koreans to get the contract were in violation of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices



U.S. Ready for Ties With Vietnam If Hanoi Finishes Cambodia Pullout

By Don Oberdorfer

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration said Tuesday that the United States would establish full diplomatic relations with Vietnam if Hanoi completed a full withdrawal of its forces from Cambodia and reached an acceptable settlement of the conflict there.

The State Department spokes-woman, Phyllis Oakley, estimated Tuesday that Vietnam has withdrawn 20,000 to 30,000 of its 120,000 troops from Cambodia since last spring. But she said U.S. officials remained skeptical that Vietnam would meet the pledge it made in May to remove 50,000 troops before the end of the year.

Vietnamese officials have said that an additional 18,000 troops are being withdrawn in a new stage of its pullout that is taking place in mbodia this week

"The United States looks forward to the complete withdrawal of all Vietnamese troops in the context of an acceptable settlement for Cambodia, at which time we would be prepared to normalize our relations with Vietnam," Miss Oakley

President Ronald Reagan and war and missing in action as a factor in the normalization of U.S. returning to power in Cambodia. relations with Hanoi. But State Department officials said Tuesday said, Washington "should now that this had never been a formal arge China to stop its military aid." that this had never been a formal: arge China to stop its military aid: would be met with a reduction in condition for normalizing relato the Khmer Rogue and to redirect. Chinese aid to the guerrillas.

tions, although it is a "serious con-cern" on the U.S. side. those supplies to the non-Commu-nist resistance instead."

In recent months, Vietnam has stepped up its cooperation with U.S. efforts to account for Americans still missing in action.

Shortly before the State Department statement on Tuesday, a bipartisan study group of U.S. ex-perts on Indochina issued a report recommending that the United States make "a measured diplomatic response," such as the establish-ment of Washington and Hanoi "interest section" offices, if Vietnam withdraws its forces from Cambodia, even though there is no immediate political settlement.

The study group, organized by the Aspen Institute, recommended that the United States make it clear to Vietnam that it will extend full diplomatic relations, lift the embargo on U.S.-Vietnamese trade and develop normal trading relations if Hanoi withdraws its troops from Cambodia and cooperates in achieving an internal settlement

The study group, which includes Indochina policy officials of the current and former administrations, Congressional figures and Secretary of State George P. Shuitz. scholars on the area, also recomhave at times listed a satisfactory mended that the United States inaccounting for U.S. prisoners of crease its efforts to prevent the Khmer Ronge guerrilla force from

nist resistance instead."

Administration officials said the United States had already been making that appeal to China through diplomatic channels, though it has avoided saying any-

thing about it publicly.

In Beijing on Tuesday, Prime
Minister Li Peng said in published remarks that China was willing to reduce military aid to the Cambodia rebels gradually as Vietnam withdraws its forces.

Until recently, Chinese officials insisted they would reduce their aid to the Khmer Rogue only when Vietnam had withdrawn from Cambodia. The most recent statement was described by State Department officials as reflecting a welcome evolution of Chinese po-

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People's Daily, the Chinese government newspaper, quoted Mr. Li on Tuesday as saying, "If Vietnam withdraws its troops, all parties, including China, should stop their

supplies of weapons," Reuters re-ported from Beijing.

"To put the international com-munity at ease," Mr. Li said, "we would gradually reduce our military aid to Kampuchea in step with Viemam's pullout."

Foreign Ministry officials had no immediate comment when asked whether Vietnam's plan to withdraw, 50,000 soldiers this year

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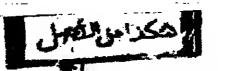
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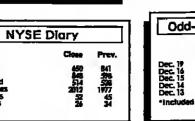
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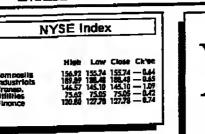
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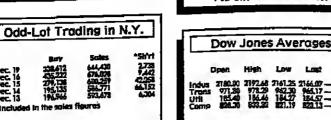
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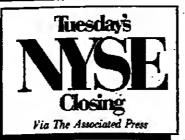
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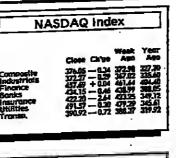


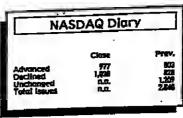
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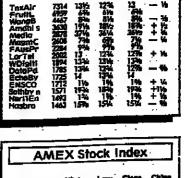
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NYSE Falls After Early Rally

Tuesday after the market failed to hold onto over interest rates.

according to an unofficial tally. Early in the session, however, the blue-chip index was up 14 points, surpassing its previous post-collapse-closing high of 2,183.50, established Oct. 21.

Declines led advances by about an 8-6 mar-gin. Volume edged up to about 161.09 million shares, compared with 162.25 million traded on

Monday.
The New York Stock Exchange index fell 0.64 to 155.74. Standard & Poor's 500-stock composite index lost 1.44 tp 277.47.

Prices closed mixed in moderate trading on the American Stock Exchange Before the market opened, the Labor Depart-

ment said the consumer price index rose at a modest 3 percent annual rate in November. Separately, the Commerce Department, in its final report on third-quarter gross national product, revised the economy's annual growth rate for the quarter to 2.5 percent from 2.6 Analysts said the reports were welcome news

to stock investors who feared rising inflation could lead to higher interest rates - the stock market's main source of concern at the moment. "The numbers that came in added some fuel

to a fire that was already burning," said Ernie

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Rudnet, manager of block trading at Mabon,

NEW YORK — Prices closed lower in mod
Nugent & Co., who noted the market was showerate trading on the New York Stock Exchange ing signs of a year-end rally, despite concerns

sharp gains posted earlier in the session.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose
21.97 points Monday, fell 6.61 to 2.166.07, need to be wary," he said. "There are still many questions facing the market."

Besides an easing of interest rate pressure Mr. Rudnet said the market needed to see solid efforts by the new administration to tackle the huge trade and budget deficits, and the dollar's

veakness against foreign currencies.

Inco Ltd., the Canadian metals mining company which began trading ex-dividend recently, was the most active issue on the NYSE, rising 1¼ to 26¼. A company spokesman, Kurt Barnes, declined to speculate about reasons for the price rise or activity.

Among other active issues, J.P. Morgan lost 1/3 to 35%, Tiger International slipped 1/4 to 19% and American Telephone & Telegraph fell 1/2 to

International Business Machines rose 1/2 to 1231/4 and Hewlett Packard rose 11/2 to 53. But two other technology companies fell as Digital Equipment lost 1 to 94 and Honeywell slipped

First Fidelity Bancorp fell 14 to 264. The company announced last week it expected to lose \$145 million to \$190 million in the current quarter, and some analysts suspect the compaby's financial problems may not be over. (UPI, AP)

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Ad Outlays Not Expected To Match Growth in U.S.

By GERALDINE FABRIKANT

New York Times Service EW YORK —For the first time since 1975, advertiser spending will not keep pace in 1989 with the increase in the gross national product, according to Robert E. Coen, senior vice president and director of forecasting

Mr. Coen told the annual Paine Webber conference on the broadcasting and publishing industries that the greatest cutback will come in local advertising by retailers. That will hurt newspapers, which are highly dependent on such local advertising, and the small advertising agencies that serve local accounts.

Mr. Coen said advertising spending could rise next year by 6.1

percent, to \$125.5 billion, compared with an estimated 6.8 percent increase in the gross national product. He attributed the expected weakening in 1989 retailer spending to several factors. Most significant, he said, is the recent spate of retail mergers, which

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local advertising by retailers. have forced companies more burdened with debt to cut advertiser spending. And the weak

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dollar has sent prices of foreign goods higher. Mr. Coen said he expected advertiser spending on local media to rise by only 5.6 percent, to \$55 billion. All told, national advertising will be up about 6.5 percent, to \$70 billion, he said. For the three television networks, "the worst is probably over because many of the major consumer companies have been squeezing and shifting for years," Mr. Coen said.

Magazines did well in 1988, and "it is a question now of whether they will be able to pass along high rate increases or run into resistance." Mr. Coen said.

into resistance," Mr. Coen said.

In a bigger context, advertising is booming overseas. In 1988, for the first time, more advertising dollars were spent overseas than in the United States, because of growth in foreign economies. American agencies with clients abroad can look forward to healthy profits, Mr. Coen said. In 1988, advertiser spending abroad was \$121 billion, \$3 billion more than the U.S. figure.

HE WORLD'S largest advertising agency, Dentsu, and the world's second-largest public relations agency, Burson-Marsteller, are forming two joint public relations ventures: one for Western clients in Japan and the other for Japanese clients in the United States.

The partnerships, both of which will be known as Dentsu Burson-Marsteller, extend the relationship between the Japanese agency and Young & Rubicam, Burson's parent. Dentsu and Young & Rubicam have previously formed two communications

companies.

The new arrangement will also give to Dentsu for the first time a full-service public relations branch in the United States, a critical need for Japanese companies entering the American

Kosuke Ohashi, president of Dentsu New York, said that in Japan, public relations is identified almost entirely with product publicity. Although Dentsu has a public relations division that is the largest in Japan, its work is largely in such areas as events matketing and sponsorships that a treaded to draw favorable attention to companies and their wares.

By contrast, in the United States public relations also includes

a wide range of government and employee relations activities, which are immecessary in Japan, Mr. Ohashi said, "because Japan is a homogeneous society."

James H. Dowling, president and chief executive of Burson-Marteller, said Japaneses accuracy in the said Japaneses.

Marsteller, said Japanese companies trying to diversify in the United States required such services because low unemployment was changing the relationship between expanding foreign corporations and the localities where they want to operate.

AT&T Filing on **Dumping**

It Cites 12 Firms In 3 Asia Nations

NEW YORK - American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Tues-day it would file a petition next week against 12 Asian companies, charging them with dumping cheap telephone equipment for small businesses on the U.S. market.

J.A. Blanchard, the vice president of AT&T's General Business Systems group, said companies from Japan, South Korea and Tai-wan had been charging less for small business telephone equip-ment in the United States than in their domestic markets.

The products are designed primarily for small companies that have between two and 80 telephone lines. Retail prices range from \$2,200 for the most basic networks to \$50,000 for a full system.

Mr. Blanchard said the 12 telecommunications companies that are to be named in the perition have been slashing wholesale prices on the equipment by as much as 50 percent for the U.S. market.

"When we must compete against pervasive unfair pricing of this magnitude, no amount of product improvement, cost-cutting or streamlining can bring the GRS division to the type of reasonable profitability that AT&T's share owners and employees have a right to expect," Mr. Blanchard said.

The anti-dumping petition is to be filed with the Commerce Department and the U.S. International Trade Commission on Dec. 28. The companies to be oamed by

AT&T include Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Toshiba Corp., Ha-segawa, Iwatsu Electric Co., Mei-sei, Nakayo, Nitsuko Ltd. and Ta-mura Electric Works Ltd. of Japan; Goldstar Telecommunications Co., OPC and Samsung Electronics Co. of South Korea, and Sun Moon Star of Taiwan.

Mr. Blanchard said the Commerce Department would make a preliminary ruling within 20 days, if the agency thinks the complaint needs further investigation, the trade commission will begin a separate 45-day investigation. Final decisions on the petition

would occur in about a year.



Burger King, the troubled unit of Pillsbury Co., is the No. 2 fast-food chain behind rival McDonalds.

Grand Met Adds Food to Its Plate

But Can the U.K. Conglomerate Swallow Burger King?

By Warren Getler

International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Allen J.G. Sheppard, the chairman and chief excoutive of Grand Metropolitan PLC, likes to think of himself as a "realis-

Mr. Sheppard, who mastermind-ed the diversified British conglom-erate's \$5.68 billion takeover of Pillsbury Co., had been confident all along that the two-month struggle for the Minneapolis-based food giant would end his way.

It did, and the success has pro-pelled Mr. Sheppard and his acquisitive management team far to-ward their goal of making Grand Metropolitan one of the leading food and beverage companies in the world. But the latest acquisition did not come without problems: Digesting Pillsbury's troubled Burger King unit will be a major un-

Until recently, Grand Metropolitan was best known for its portfo-lio of popular spirits, including Smirnoff Vodka, J&B Scotch whis-ky and Bailey's Irish Cream fi-

Last year, the British conglomerate turned to the United States to make a quantum leap on the bever-



Allen J.G. Sheppard, the chairman and chief executive officer of Grand Metropolitan PLC.

ages front, snapping up the Henb-lem Inc. unit of RJR Nabisco Inc. for \$1.2 billion. With the Pillsbury acquisition, 40 percent of group revenue now will derive from the United States, 50 percent from Britain and Ireland, and 10 percent

The rapid reshaping of Grand Metropolitan under Mr. Shep-pard's stewardship, including the

sale in October of its Inter-Conti-nental Hotel chain for \$2.3 billion, has left few market watchers unimpressed. So far, no one is knocking Mr. Sheppard for having paid, in the end, 10 percent more for Pillsbury than was originally bid. The combined Grand Metropolitan-Pillsbury will expand the size of the British conglomerate by a

third, with annual sales of \$14.5 billion, up from the \$10.9 billion provisionally reported by the Lon-don-based concern for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1988.

But the question remains, can Grand Metropolitan gracefully consume Burger King.

People do see a real task in pulling Burger King around," said Neil Scourst, a retailing analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd in London. There will be uncertainties until Grand Met puts across the case on what it can get out of Pillsbury and what it can put into Pillsbury, in terms of releasing management resources already ned no." Mr. Sheppard, a former British

automotive executive who took charge at Grand Metropolitan two years ago, said that he is aware of

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U.S. Inflation Fell to 3% Rate In November

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch WASHINGTON - U.S. inflation slowed in November to an annual rate of 3 percent, the govern-ment said Tuesday, reducing financial market perceptions that the Federal Reserve Board would seek to boost interest rates to com-

bat rising prices.

The Labor Department said its consumer price index, after seasonal adjustments, rose 0.3 percent in November, compared with a 0.4 percent rise a month earlier. Before the seasonal adjustments, prices rose just 0.1 percent.

On an annual basis, the index was up at a 3 percent rate. The new figures slowed the annual inflation rate from 4.6 percent in the first 10 months of the year to

4.4 percent in the first 11 months.
With only December left, another
month of low inflation could enable the Reagan administration to finish

its last year meeting its inflation target of 4.3 percent for 1988. Currency dealers noted that the rise in the index was slightly less then economists had anticipated. It added to the growing belief that the Fed would not raise its discount rate, charged on loans to banking institutions, from its current 6.5 percent level until inflationary essures become more apparent.

All this fuss about inflation. and consumer prices are up only 0.3 percent," a bond trader in New York said.

Food prices, which had risen at an annual rate of 10.9 percent from April through September because of the summer drought, were un-changed in November after rising only 0.2 percent in October, the Labor Department reported. Clothing prices, which jumped a

total of 4 percent in September and October with the introduction of oew back-to-school and fall fashions, fell 0.3 percent last month. Housing and shelter costs rose percent in November.

Separately, the Commerce De-partment said U.S. corporations reported a 3.9 percent increase in after-tax profits in the July-September quarter, down from robust 8.9 percent growth in the second quarter. The third-quarter figure was revised from a preliminary estimate of 0.2 percent growth.

GNP Growth At Slowest Pace Since Late '86

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche WASHINGTON - The U.S. economy grew at a modest 2.5 percent rate in the third quarter, the slowest since late 1986, but inflation in the period rose to the highest level in six years, the Commerce De-partment said Tuesday.

In its third and final report

on third-quarter gross national product, the agency revised its figure down slightly from the previous 2.6 percent, ad-justed for inflation.

ft was the lowest rate of economic growth since the fourth quarter of 1986, when the figure was 1.4 percent

Inflation, as measured by the fixed-weight price index, which is most comparable to the consumer price index, was revised to 5.3 percent in the third quarter from the previously reported 5.1 percent. That is the highest level since 5.5 percent in the third quarter of 1982. In the second quarter, the gauge rose 5.0 percent.

Another inflation gauge, the

implicit price deflator, rose at a 4.7 percent rate in the third quarter, unchanged from the earlier estimate and down from 5.5 percent in the second (UPI, Reuters)

In a third report, the Labor De-partment said lower hourly earnings, a shorter average workweek and inflatioo combined in November to take a 0.8 percent bite out of the typical U.S. worker's paycheck.

Average hourly earnings for American workers dropped 0.1 percent from October to November. the average number of hours worked each week dropped 0.6 percent and there was 0.2 percent inflation for urban wage earners.

(AP, Reuters, UPI)

For Japan Consumer: Pay Now, Buy Later

Pre-Paid Cards Are the Latest Rage

By Fred Hiatt

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TOKYO — Perhaps only the Japanese, who financed an economic miracle through their devo-tion to saving money, could have devised and embraced the latest rage here; the anti-credit card.

While U.S. shoppers pile up credit-card debts to worry about after Christmas, Japanese consumers are turning to "pre-paid cards"

— thin, magnetically encoded plastic cards that give customers the privilege of paying now and enjoying later.

sured their popularity.

But now or in the near future. customers will be able to "pre-buy" cigarettes, taxi rides, groceries, pineven Japan's

most popular hamburger, the Big Mac. becoming so

popular that the Finance Ministry has set up a task force to study whether they are in danger of replacing

Richard Jerram. economist money — and if so, what should be done about it. According to Paul R. Heaton of W.l. Carr, a merchant bank, the

pand to about one trillion yen (about \$8 billion) within a few The popularity of the cards, which amount to a large interestfree loan from customers to the corporations involved, mystifies тапу поп-Јарапеза

market for pre-paid cards will ex-

"In the U.S. and the U.K. we're on a credit-card boom, and here they're on a reverse-credit-card boom," said Richard Jerram, an economist for Kleinwort Benson International in Tokyo. "It's quite incredible, isn't it?"

Credit cards are only now catching on in Japan, where the lack of crime allows consumers to carry large wads of cash. But pre-paid telephone cards, which Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. in-troduced in 1982, quickly became

popular.
The cards, considerably thinner than credit cards, can be purchased in denominations from 500 to 5,000

yen (\$\frac{5}{4}\$ to \$\frac{5}{40}\$) and used in pay telephones specially designed to read them. They are inserted into the phone before dialing and then are returned at the end of the angle. are returned at the end of the call, King or a neighborhood sushi shop.

with the face value reduced according to the length of the conversa-tion.

The cards climinate the need to carry exact change and allow customers to make long-distance calls without feeding coins into the phone. Their convenience has led to their introduction in France, South Korea, Italy and Britain, and American Telephone & Telegraph Co. is looking at the possibility for the United States, spokesmen said.

The fad-conscious Japanese embraced the cards with an unusual fervor. For one thing, they quickly discovered that the cards made ideing later.

The boom in pre-paid cards, discovered that the cards made surwhich come in thousands of designs, began with pay telephones,
addicted society. Salesmen hand
them ont instead of calling cards; companies send them in return for answering surveys, and politicians print their photos on them and pass them along to voters

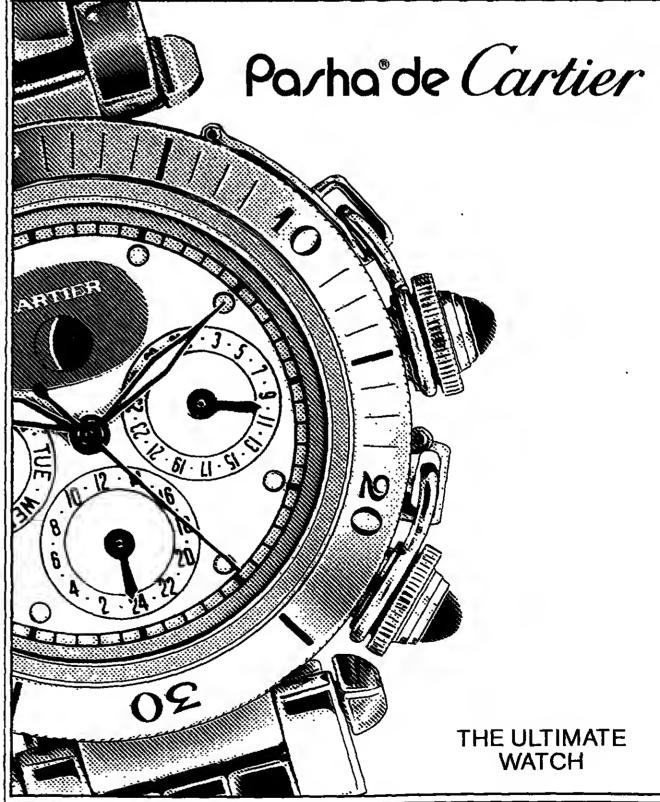
In addition, the Japanese cards into new canvases for their artistic skills. Cards were illustrated with old woodblock prints, views of beautiful scenery or teen-age idols in the singing and acting world.

Card-collecting clubs sprang up, and some stores now deal in rare or vintage cards. Telephone-card col-lectors are said to number in the hundreds of thousands — many of them buying and holding cards without ever using them, to the delight of the telephone company. After selling nine million cards in 1984, NTT sold 60 million in 1985, 149 million in 1986 and 228 million in 1987, for a total of more

"The cash comes in first, and even if the customer loses the card, it's not the company's responsibil-ity," a foreign telephone-company executive said. "It's ideal."

In November, McDonald's Corp. began test-marketing the "U-Card," embossed with photographs of fries and hurgers and available in denominations of \$8, \$24 or \$40. The McDonald's cards are made

by the Japan Card System Co., which also produces them for Coca-Cola vending machines and



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Agency Ltd. plans to expand its

fleet after increasing its stakes in World Maritime Ltd. and

World Shipping & Investment Co. from Hongkong & Shang-hai Banking Corp., World-Wide's chairman said Tuesday.

The company, which con-trols 65 ships, mostly tankers, is negotiating to buy two sec-ond-hand ships for about \$50

million, said Helmut Sohmen,

The concern bad acquired

seven second-hand ships this year for more than \$100 mil-

The Pao family has bought 30 percent of World Maritime and 28 percent of World Ship-

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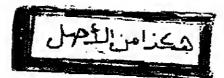
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Plessey Fails to Obtain Injunction Against Bid

LONDON - Plessey Co. failed Tuesday to obtain a High Court injunction to block a £1.7 billion (\$3.1 billion) hostile takeover bid launched last month by General Electric Co. of Britain and Siemens AG of West Germany.

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the court ruling, which leaves GEC and Siemens free to put their bid to

he, said the company was not appealing because it had satisfied the court that it had an arguable claim that the hostile bid would be a breach of competition rules in the European Community.

Plessey said it would oot appeal

Plessey shareholders. A Plessey spokesman, Peter Bailsaid that as "a holding operation,"

they would undertake to make no further moves on the bid until mid-day on Wednesday. **EC Orders Dumping Probe**

Siemens agreement to bid in con-cert for it is illegal under fair competition laws of the European Community. It sought the High Court injunction pending examination of the bid by the EC executive

would create a European electronics and defense giant with interests ranging from radar to telecom-munications and ouclear power. Plessey, which has filed a formal

complaint to the commission, claimed the joint bid agreement between GEC and Siemens is unlawful under Article 85 of the European Community's founding Treaty of Rome, which prohibits industri-al agreements likely to distort free

(Reuters, AFP) ful marriage," which would allow States

Prior in Plessey's statement that it would not appeal the decision, the counsel for GEC and Siemens

The European Commission

The European Commission blocked a joint bid by three British companies for Irish Distillers Group PLC earlier this year.

GEC and Siemens denied that their Nov. 16 bid would destroy competitioe. They said it was an attempt by European corporations to face up in what they called over-whelming competition from North America and Japan. They argued that a High Court

injunction pending the commis-sion's decision could destroy the bid and leave Plessey shareholders with perhaps a lower bid from another bidder. The High Court application, they said, would deprive sharehold-

ers of the right to choose for themselves whether to accept the offer. Trading in Plessey shares on the Stock Exchange was suspended at £2.10 a share just before the court's

The joint bid values Plessey sbates at £2.25 each. GEC is not connected with Gen-

eral Electric Co. of the United

decision was announced.

Current Profit More Than Triples at Mazda

TOKYO — Mazda Motor Corp. said current profit in the year ending Oct. 31 more than tripled, rising to 31.28 billion yen (\$251.7 billion) from 10.14 billion, with domestic sales helping in boost income.

The automaker said sales for the vear climbed to 1.84 trillion yen

Domestic vehicle sales rose 13 percent, to 405,648, in volume and were op 15.9 percent in value, in 679.43 billion yen.

Vehicle exports in the year fell 1.8 percent from a year earlier, to 818,544, but by value rose 14.6 perfrom 1.6 trillion. Net profit 818,544, but by value rose 14.6 per-climbed to 15.15 billion yen from cent, in 1.16 trillion yen, because of

VW to Boost Asian Output

BONN - The chairman of Volkswagen AG, Carl Hahn, said Tuesday that the West German automaker would significantly increase production and sales in Chi-

RB in coming years.

In an interview with the newspaper Die Welt, Mr. Hahn said Asia was the area with "the highest growth potential." He said Volkswagen, which markets Volkswagen, Audi and SEAT cars, would raise total productioo capacity in China in about 600,000 units a year.

VW group has operated in China since 1985 through its 50 percentowned subsidiary, Shanghai Auto-motive Co., which has produced

more than 40,000 Santana models

so far, including 15,000 in 1988. Mr. Hahn said Volkswagen bad iovested 370 million Deutsche marks (\$210 million) in the joint venture and "that is still insuffi-cient." VW plans to increase production capacity in 60,000 units a year in the early 1990s and then to 100,000 units. Ultimately, production is to be raised to 300,000 units a year, which would require an investment of I billion DM.

VW's other Chinese venture was set up in August with First Automobile Works of Changebun. Its output is to reach 30,000 Audi 100s a year in 1991, 150,000 units in 1995 and eventually 300,000.

4.44 billion a year earlier. Operat- an increase in exports of kit parts to

ing profit was up to 26.18 billion overseas units.
yen from 5.11 billion. The account The accounting division chief, Kei-ichiro Yoshikawa, predicted that the parent company would have current profit of 23 billion yen in the six months ending Sept. 30, 1989, on sales of 1.04 trillion.

The company is changing the end of its financial year to March

31 from Oct. 31. Domesoc vehicle sales are esti-mated to reach 240,000 in the half year and exports to hit 420,000, Mr. Yoshikawa told a news conference.

Domestic vehicle sales are estimated at 170,000 in the irregular five-month period ending March 31, 1989, up 4.1 percent from a year earlier, while exports are expected to fall 3.6 percent, to 330,000, Mr.

Yoshikawa said. The prediction for the first half was made without taking into account expected sales growth due to B fall in tax on vehicles in Japan from April 1, according in the vice president, Yoshihiro Wada.

"Export volume will fall but export value will rise from a year earlier because of higher kit parts exports" to Mazda's U.S. subsidiary, Mr. Wada said.

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By Clyde Haberman.
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BRUSSELS - The European Community has opened an inquiry into charges that 11 Japanese companies are evading special import duties on a type of computer print-er by assembling models at European factories. The EC executive Commission

said Tuesday that European producers alleged that the companies were using mainly Japanese parts in the European-produced dot-matrix printers.

The companies were identified

Industry Co., Seiko Epson Corp., Seikosha Co., Star Micronics Co., and Tokyo Electronic Co.

The companies bave already been assessed duties of as much as 47 percent on their direct exports of printers to the community. The daty represents the difference between the domestic prices in Japan and the "dumped" prices in the community.

The commission said that Japanese sales of dot-matrix printers in the community quadrupled, to more than 1.5 million units, from 1983 to 1986, and Japan's share of Watch Co., Fujitsu Ltd., Juki
Corp., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., NEC Corp., OKI Electric

Watch Co., NEC Corp., OKI Electric

(Reuters AFP) Plessey contends that the GEC-

The takeover, if successful,

competition. The company argued during the two-day court hearing in Londoo that the agreement was an "unlaw-

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PILLSBURY: Grand Met Prepares to Absorb Its New U.S. Acquisition (Continued from first finance page)

claims that "the jury is out" oo Grand Metropolitan's ability to spark a turnaround at Burger King. "But Burger King is oot a turnaround sinuation," he asserted. "It's

a push-forward scenario." Grand Metropolitan, as part of its bid to win approval for its takeover offer from the Pillsbury board and shareholders, pledged to Bur-ger King franchise holders that the British concern would pursue a consistent marketing strategy for the fast-food chaio, which is

ranked No. 2 behind McDonald's. "I've got no desire to play catch-up with McDonald's," he said. "What we want is to be a successful No. 2, being tip-top on customer requirements, it's not going to be our business trying to topple Mc-

Analysts said Grand Metropolitan will have to create brighter advertisements and set higher service standards if it is to improve profits

at Burger King.
"Grand Met has to find leaders with a sharp ad campaign and with quality control standards," Steven arnes, an analyst at Piper Jaffray Hopwood, told Renters.

"The Burger King in Hoboken has to serve the same Whopper as the one in Minneapolis," he said. "and both restaurants have to be

Mr. Sheppard said a combina-

Resistance Hurt Pillsbury's Profit

MINNEAPOLIS — Pillsbury reported Tuesday that its net profit for the most recent quarter had fallen 38 percent, to \$44.8 million, with most of the drop attributed to its unsuccessful resistance against Grand Metropolitan.

Sales edged up to \$1.75 billion in the quarter ended Nov. 30, the second of Pillsbury's financial year, from \$1.69 billion a year earlier. The company said earnings were cut by \$21.5 million because of expenses from developing strategies to block Grand Met's takeover offer. Pillsbury said that "significant additional expenses and cooringent fees will also be incurred during the second half of the year."

Pillsbury also cited a one-time investment of \$23.4 million to reduce the deficit in Burger King's advertising fund. Pillsbury said operating profit for its restaurants fell, but that the foods businesses enjoyed improved operating profit for the quarter.

seement and Pillsbury executives its Berni Inns chain. On Monday, who would be asked to stay on would be able to come to grips with Burger King's distribution and marketing problems. About 95 per-cent of Burger King's outlets are based in North America, with the remainder primarily in Europe.

The primary task with Burger King is to get the business thrusting ahead on all cylinders in the United States and to take advantage of opportunioes in Europe, where we can apply some of our retailing and

property skills," he said. Grand Metropolitan has been rapidly expanding its own retailfood presence in Europe, building on a British-based chain of fast-

bours after clinching the Pillsbury deal, the British food and beverages group announced it would acquire the Wienerwald restaurant chain in West Germany and the Spaghetti Factory chain in Switzerland for a combined £20 million (\$36.3 million).

Mr. Sheppard has set a timetable of "two years, maximum" to dem-onstrate the full benefits of the Pillsbury acquisition - particularly from the leading food brands involved, such as Green Giant frozen vegetables and Haagen Dazs

If the company fails in that enues to linger well below what Mr. to reduce the debt load.

Sheppard considers Grand Metropolitan's true break-up value to be, then the big British conglomerate could become a target itself of a

bostile takeover, he warned. In trading Tuesday on the Lon-don Stock Exchange, Grand Metropolitan stock closed at 425 pence, down from Mooday' close of 430 pence. Over the last three months. the company's stock has underperformed the London equity market by around 10 percent, analysts

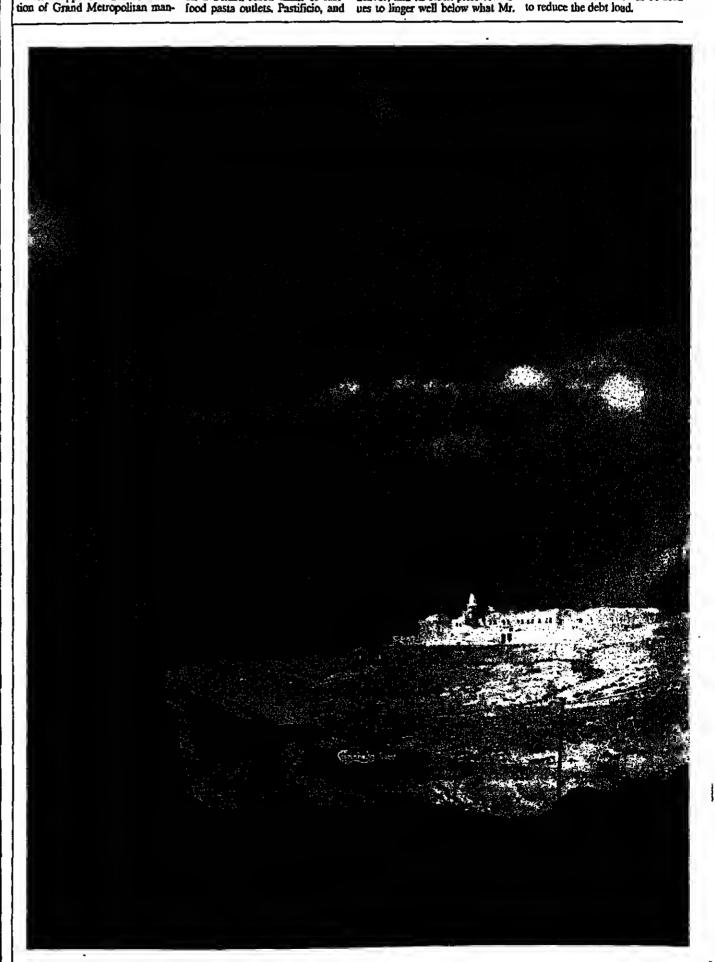
"I don't regard Grand Met share price's underperformance as des-perate," said Mr. Scourse, the Bar-clays analyst. "Grand Met's record on takeovers is reassuring in any event, particularly on those of U.S. companies, such as Heublein."

Mr. Sheppard said, "our share rating is crazily low - we've got extremely valuable businesses, whose breakup value is "at least twice as much as that which we are

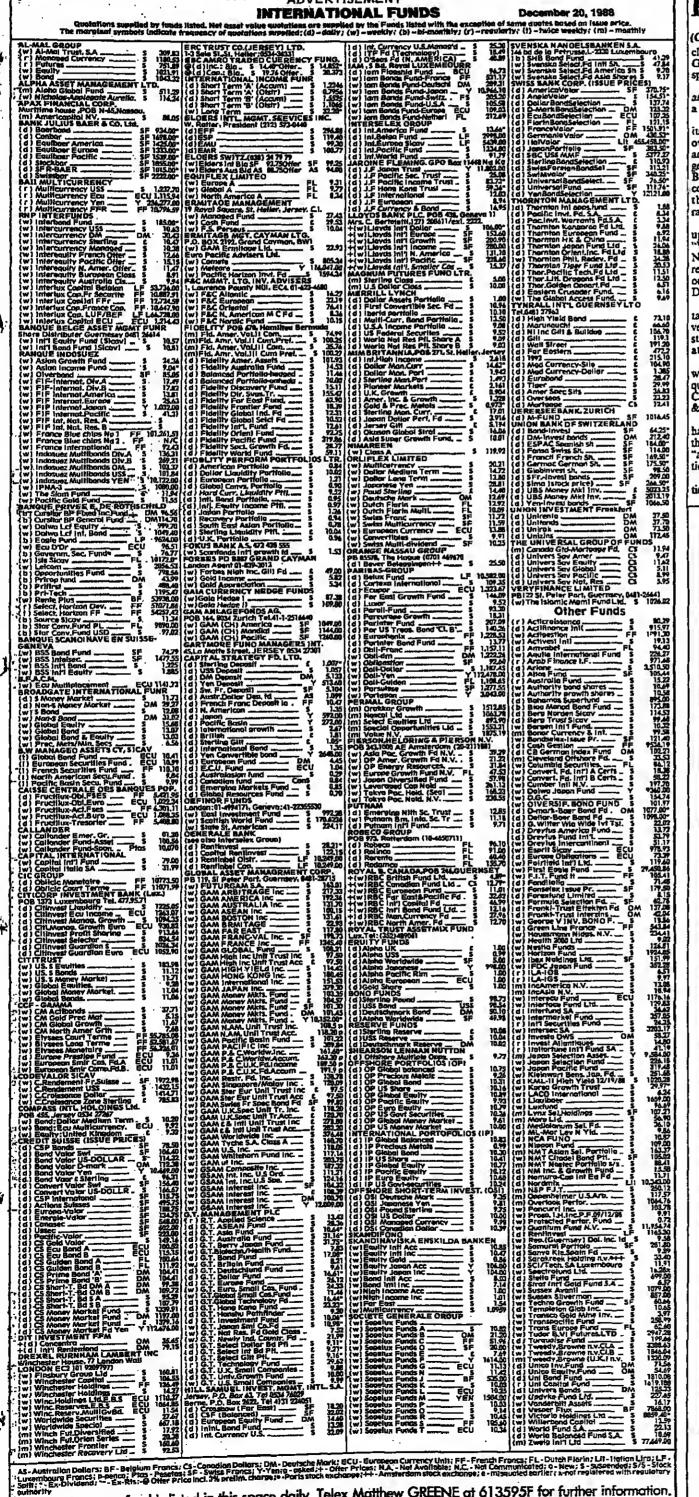
currently capitalized." Mr. Scourse said it is "almost impossible to tell what the breakup value of Grand Met is because you're looking at highly branded

company." But Grand Metropolitan said earber this year that it would value newly acquired brands. It estimated that the move could add over £500 million to its balance sheet.

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Germany Reportedly Will Yield on Finsider

BONN — West Germany has decided to drop its lone opposition to European Commu-nity proposals that would allow payment of a subsidy to Italy's unprofitable Finsider steel group, official sources said on Tuesday.

The sources said a cabinet meeting on Tuesday decided to support an aid package that EC ministers would discuss on Wednesday.

Last week, West Germany was alone among the 12 EC states in blocking aid worth 7.7 rillion lire (\$6 billion) to Finsider, a state-It said Italy's proposals for capacity cuts at

Under the terms of the proposed deal, Fin-

Under the terms of the proposed deal, Finsider would receive two-thirds of the subsidy immediately. The rest will be released only after approval from EC partners and could depend on further capacity cuts.

The West German steel industry, largely in private hands, has told Bonn it should stop the EC from rescuing unprofitable enterprises.

Under EC rules, Italy needs unanimous approval from member states to proceed with the subsidy payments. They are aimed at relaunching Finsider's profitable plants under a new name, Ilva.

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Dollar Rises on Corporate Demand

NEW YORK — The dollar closed firmer Tuesday, boosted by sporadic corporate year-end demand in a thin market.

Although the U.S. currency closed just below its highs for the day, the dollar's failure to cross critical resistance levels limited its upward momentum, dealers said.

The dollar closed at 1.7800 Dentsche marks and at 125.33 wen. On

sche marks and at 125.33 yen. On Monday, it closed at 1.7655 DM and 124.225 yen. The dollar rose sharply against the British pound, which closed at \$1.797. It had closed at \$1.821 the

The dollar was well bid from the opening, taking its lead from a firm European market and drawing

strength from corporate position squaring dealers said. A mid-morning jump above 1.78 DM and 125.20 yea was met with mild selling that easily repelled the currency in light volume.

In earlier London trading, the dollar ended with substantial gains Tuesday, propped by demand from U.S. companies needing to balance their books for the year-end.

It was also helped by firm federal funds rates and expectations the Federal Reserve Board would

London Dollar Rates

vember consumer prices was at the low end of expectations, but "that's not enough to take pressure off the Fed for a tightening" in the long term, a U.S. bank dealer said.

The dollar ended at 1.7730 DM in London, up from 1.7615 at Monday's close. The U.S. currency closed at 124.98 yen, up from Monday's close of 124.05.

The pound edged lower, falling to \$1.8015 from \$1.8135. Against the mark, the pound fell to 3.2033 from \$2.080. The dollar ended at 1.7730 DM

from 3.2080.

Monday's British money supply data for November showed that the recent monetary tightening might start to reduce consumer demand and slow economic growth. M-0, pact on bond prices, traders ooted. the narrowest measure, rose 0.2 percent in November. A rise of 0.4 percent was expected.

The dollar had a brief setback on the oews on consumer prices and on data on gross national product eventually raise its discount rate, in the third quarter, showing annual dealers said.

A 0.3 percent rise in U.S. Nowas at the low end of expectations.

A 11 this fuss about inflation and consumer prices are up only 0.3 percent, one trader summed up.

Bargain hunting soon emerged, dealers said. Federal funds, the rate banks charge one another on overnight loans, continued firm at about g 13/16 percent, compared with the 6.5 percent discount rate, charged on loans by the Fed to banking

Dealers are convinced a discoun rate rise is coming but is not immi nent, particularly after Monday's remarks by a Fed governor, Wayne Angell.

Mr. Angell said interest rate rises in Europe have not put pressure on the U.S. central bank to follow suit.

■ Treasury Bonds Rally

U.S. Treasury bond prices were sharply higher Tuesday, after a short-covering rally took prices up by as much as 1 point, Reuters reported from New York.

The dollar's strength and a buy-ing spree in the Chicago Treasury bond futures market were given as reasons for the rally. But the dollar's retreat from its highs had little im-Earlier, the data on consume prices and the GNP gave an initial 1/4 point boost to bonds. The 9

point to 100 14/32. The yield fell to

cent 30-year bond rose 29/32

Soviet Official Clarifies Stance

On the Ruble Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MOSCOW — A top Soviet
foreign trade official on Tues-

day clarified recent remarks that were interpreted as implying a 50 percent devaluation of the ruble as early as 1990.

Vladimir Kamentsev, who chairs the State Foreign Eco-nomic Commission and is a deputy prime minister, ac-knowledged that the measures outlined in a Dec. 2 government decree were a "first step" toward making the Soviet cur-

rency convertible.

The Dec. 2 decree notably eased restrictions on joint ventures in the Soviet Union and, among other concessions, an-nounced that Soviet firms would, from Jan. t, 1990, receive 100 percent bonuses for hard currency trade transac-

But he stressed that the consequent change in the ruble rate would only affect the cur-rency's internal rate.

This should not be taken as a change in the ruble standard versus foreign currency," Mr. Kamenisev said. (AFP, AP)

OECD: Report Warns That Growth Should Slow to Avoid High Inflation

tained "for some time at or near its

present pace." The major concern "is not so much one of a spectacular resurgence of inflation, but rather of a more insidious development:

forces getting a grip on the system, which will make for a slow but cumulative acceleration of prices." Should inflationary tendencies not subside, the necessary further rise in interest rates would "carry other risks" for "the vulnerable sec-tors of financial markets."

The report noted in particular that "U.S. domestic financial problems are already acute in the sav-ings and loan and farm-credit sectors, and leveraged buyouts have created heavy deht hurdens for the corporations involved." In addition, "higher dollar interest rates

would complicate the deht situa-tion of developing countries."

At the same time, OECD economists continued to worry about the possibility of a cumulative decline of the dollar in the foreign ex-change market and the capacity of the United States to attract the capital inflows needed to finance its international deficit.

"Smooth financing of a contin-ued build-up of U.S. external debt denominated in dollars cannot be taken for granted," the report said. "It depends crucially on market confidence that inflation will be kept in check, that U.S. trade performance will continue to improve and that policies generally will be consistent with a progressive nar-rowing of the U.S. current ac-

ing about inflation, these worries of Economic Advisers, has been are not new.

Nor is the proposed curative: Budgetary restraint in the United States and in most other countries. Overall, the OECD is continuing to urge fiscal restraint in 19 of its 24 member countries. The five exceptions are West Germany, Japan, France, Switzerland and Luxern-

capital inflows needed to finance a current-account deficit, which or more in the absence of stronglyreinforced [fiscal] adjustment."

OECD Looks At the Big Four Economies

The Organization for Economic Development made the following points about the economies of its four largest members:

• The United States shrugged off effects of the

1987 collapse in world stock prices better than had been expected and showed signs of continuing solid expansion, but with a fairly high risk of inflation. The OECD forecast U.S. economic expansion of 3.75 percent for this year and 3 percent next year, significantly higher than previous forecasts of 2.75 percent and 2.5 percent. First estimates for 1990 were for gross national product to keep growing at a relatively brisk 2.5 percent.

There was no sign of the recession that some

There was no sign of the recession that some economists had feared would result from weaker consumer demand and a buildup in inventories after the plunge in equities. Despite some slow-down in the third quarter, figures on employment, industrial production and factory capacity use pointed to substantial continuing momentum in

the economy.

The OECD forecast a rise in U.S. interest rates

to pinch inflationary pressures and hring the economy to a more sustainable growth rate.

• In Japan, expansion of the gross domestic product is expected to slow to 4.5 percent in 1989 and 3.75 percent in 1990 from the brisk 5.75

percent pace in 1988.

With heavy husiness investments and workers' output likely 10 outpace wage rises by the end of

1990, Japanese industry was overcoming limits set on its exports by a strong yen. The growth of

manufacturing export volumes is projected to in-crease from 4 percent in 1988 to over 6 percent in both 1989 and 1990," the OECD said.

• In West Germany, domestic demand could

e in West Germany, domestic demand cound slow to 2 percent next year from 4 percent in 1988, but it would then firm to 2.75 percent in 1990.

The effect of higher indirect taxes and higher import prices on consumer spending could be cushioned by a fall in the savings ratio — and spending could take off again in 1990 because of

arge income tax cuts that are proposed. A greater demand for labor would be matched by the increase in the workforce, so the unemploy-

ment rate should stick at 7.75 percent. • In France, which has faced a bout of publicsector strikes recently, the OECD ooted the infla-tionary perils of high pay awards. It also said French unemployment might rise from the present high level of 10.25 percent in the next two years,

despite stronger economic expansion.

The OECD said French officials should stick to a policy of stabilizing the franc as a way to reign in inflation. For such a policy to work, it said, "it is necessary for wage developments to remain under control and for the external deficit not to widen."

The OECD raised estimates of economic expansion to 3.5 percent this year, easing to 3 percent next year and 2.5 percent in 1990. But unemploy-ment is seen rising to 10.5 percent in 1989.

Italy Tops the List of EC Members on Subsidies

more than \$100 billion a year in subsidies to industry, agriculture, energy and transportation concerns, and Italy is by far the biggest spender, EC sources said Tuesday.

The sources cited a 100-page report, called the First Inventory of State Aid, which was prepared for the 12-nation community with information from member govern-

The EC executive Commission has wide-ranging powers to ban state subsidies that distort competi-

BRUSSELS — Members of the European Community provide towards a single market after 1992.

The report on aid is a pet project of Mr. Sotherland, an Irishman who has been responsible for enforcing the competition rules over the last four years. He is leaving EC headquarters in Brussels next month when a new set of commissioners takes over.

The inventory, taking average spending between 1981 and 1986, reveals that subsidies paid by the 10 governments totaled 78 billion tion, and Peter Sutherland, an EC lion at the current exchange rate) a billion ECUs and Italy 27.7 billion commissioner, said he believes the year and annual subsidies from EC ECUs.

funds amounted to 22 hillion

however, Britain's subsidies were half as much as those of France, West Germany paid ont 40 percent more than France, while Italy handed out four times as much. The sources did oot give the amounts involved for those years.

Over the five-year period stud-ied, France paid an annual average of f6.7 billion ECUs, West Germa-European currency units (\$92.2 bil- oy 19.1 billion ECUs, Britain 9.4

aid to be put into context," an EC The report says that in 1981, source said. "At the moment every-france, West Germany and Britain body (each member state) thinks gave roughly equal subsidies, while the other is getting away with mur-ltaly gave twice as much. By 1986

The report gives a breakdown of subsidies paid by 10 EC governments to the industry, agriculture, transportation and energy sectors. but excludes Spain and Portugal, which joined the community after the project was launched in Octuber 1985.

ft was oot clear whether the 17man Commission would decide to publish the report at its weekly meeting Wednesday.

Nevertheless, the size of the defi-it and its biggest component — an area where the historical rela-tionships no longer apply." less strong than historical experi-ence would suggest — meaning a 1989 surplus of \$99 billion, comcit and its biggest component — the U.S. trade deficit — has been scaled back from earlier forecasts. The revision reflects official dis-

satisfaction with forecasters' econometric models. Beryl Sprin-Except for the heightened warn- kel, chairman of the U.S. Council particularly outspoken about the failure of economic models to reffect actual performance, hot OECD officials say that most countries, as well international organizations like the OECD and the International Monetary Fund,

So, in contrast to conventional bourg.

The OECD remains concerned about the capacity of the United States to continue to attract the lagged effects of dollar depreciation have worked themselves out" - the OECD is now assuming that "seems set to remain at \$100 billion "changes in key exchange rates over recent years have perhaps sufficed to take some countries, and

share the concern.

The OECD has judged that this atypical behavior will persist for some time: that U.S. export volume growth for manufactured goods will slow less, and that import growth will remain more modest, than historical experience would suggest," it says.

On this basis, the U.S. trade deficit will continue to shrink over the next two years "but even so, the rate of decline slows."

The OECD now estimates next year's U.S. trade deficit at \$102 billion, down from the \$118.75 bilis now seen at \$116 billion instead of \$131.75 billion.

For 1990, the U.S. trade deficit is put at \$89 billion and the currentaccount deficit at \$108 billion.

Applied to Japan, the revision from West Germany this year tomeans export performance will be taled \$55 billion.

pared with the \$92.5 billion forecast earlier, and \$100 billion in 1990. The current-account surplus next year is put at \$77 billion, down from the previous forecast of \$79.75 billion, and \$72 billion in

But the OECD said it sees no such structural change occurring in West Germany, where "exports are projected to expand vigorously. The trade surplus next year is seen increasing to \$81 billion instead of falling to \$72 billion, as forecast earlier, and then rising to \$85 billion it was projecting last June. The current-account deficit for the year surplus will also be bigger, \$51 billion next year compared to the pre-vious forecast of \$41.75 billion and \$52 billion in 1990.

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Credit for Ivory Coast Is Explained by France

PARIS - France's new credit of 400 million francs (\$65 million) to the Ivory Coast is intended to compensate the country for lost income on cocoa held in stock because of low world prices a senior French official said on Tuesday.

of what France hopes will be a major financial package for the world's higgest cocoa producer, which is in difficulties because of falling prices, "The 400 million francs are to compensate the loss of receipts for 200,000 tons of stock," he

added.

1vory Coast, formerly a French colony, has for some months maintained the local price it pays its farmers for cocoa beans while refusing to sell at depressed export prices on an oversupplied world market. Instead, Ivory Coast has held cocoa in stock.

The French official also said that President

The French official also said that President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast planned to meet an International Monetary

Find delegation in Paris after it returns next
Friday from a fact-finding visit to Abidjan.

Mr. Houphouët-Boigny discussed the crisis
over weak cocoa prices with President François
Miterrand of France last week in Morocco during a French-African summit meeting.
The French official confirmed speculation in
Casahlanca that the IMF and World Bank had

Casablanca that the IMF and World Bank had conceded a key point to Mr. Houphouët-Boigny. This, the official said, was that they were oo longer pressing him to cut the local cocca price the government pays to farmers.

"But Ivory Coast will have to finance next year's deficit in another way, either through public spending cuts or taxes. The rest of the community will simply have to subsidize the farmers," the official said.

Ivory Coast has suspended interest payments.

Ivory Coast has suspended interest payments on its external debt. France hopes that its debt problems will be eased by reschedulings, fresh

credits from the IMF and the World Bank, and belt-tightening at home.

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BOOKS

FREAK SHOW: Presenting Human Oddities For Amusement and Profit

By Robert Bogdan. 322 pages. \$29.95. University of Chicago Press, 5801 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Reviewed by Laurie Block

J ACK EARLE, a very tall Texan, visited the Ringling Brothers Circus sideshow in the 1920s. Clyde Ingalls, the show's manager, spotted frim in the ancience and later asked the young man, "How Would you like to be a

Jack became The Giant, Inside the sideshow, as Rob-Jack became The Crant, Inside the sideshow, as Robert Bogdan explains in this thoughtful and revealing study, "people understood that being extremely tall is a matter of physiology — being a giant involves something more. . . 'Freak' is a frame of mind, a set of practices, a way of thinking about and presenting individuals."

"Freak Show: Presenting Human Oddities for Amusement and Profit" examines the organization and practices.

tices of a currently taboo, low-status department within the American entertainment industry: those places like the Natural Museums of Curiosities that cost a dime to get into and could be found in American cities from 1840 to the 1930s, Ripley's Odditorium and its immumerable imitations, the sideshows at every great fair, circus or carnival that came to town.

Bogdan studied the cohemera of the freak show: broad-sides, postcards, handbills and pamphlets, newspaper ads. He also interviewed old hands who worked at and operat-

He also interviewed old hands who worked at and operated these amusements. But Bogdan is a professor of special education, an activist in the disability rights movement: His is not a tale about the personal lives of the exhibits; it is an unsentimental analysis of an institution.

The people working as freaks fell into two categories. There were born freaks, people with atypical physiology; they could be giants, midgets, dwarfs; people with hormonal dysfunctions; people who were retarded — often microcephalics; people with missing limbs or extra ones; and, most fantastic of all, Siamese twins. The people with handicaps who exhibited themselves could earn good salaries. Some retired in confort. Most felt themselves to be troupers, and were considered full members

good salaries. Some retired in comfort. Most felt them-selves to be troupers, and were considered full members of the show-business community. Only some of them— especially the people we would now call retarded — were simply exploited by their manager-agents.

The second category of human curiosities comprised self-made freaks, people who invented a story about themselves — the "Circassian Beauty"; or who had unusual performance skills — the sword swallower; or who had consciously altered their bodies — the tattooed

Bogdan identifies two freak presentation styles: In the aggrandized mode, the "true-life" souvenir pamphlets sold at exhibits told of fantastic births, extraordinary adventures, great skills and genteel accomplishments, meetings with royalty — whatever elevated the freak's economic, moral, celebrity status. The exhibits' costumes and performance corroborated this impression, and it is true that the diminutive General Tom Thumb and his wife Lavinia did meet with royalty and wealth on their European tour.

In the exotic mode, the "true-life" tales were about foreign lands whose animal and plant life, cultures and customs were fantastic and alien to most people — Fiji Islanders, Ubangis, Pygmies, Congo camibals, the "Az-tec twins." The exotic mode was harder to keep going when airplanes, movies, telephones, radio and war made

the far corners of the world more familiar. At the beginning of the 20th century, scientists and doctors began to recognize the biological causes of those exhibits who were born freaks; Their conditions were pathologized. The eugenics movement further clouded cultural perceptions of human difference: Individuals who deviated from the definition of a medically and

socially fit human being were seen as a cost to the general society that was best controlled.

By the Depression years it would become morally repugnant to go and see human abnormalities on exhibit. These people should be treated and cured, it was believed, or should confine themselves to private, not public, life. The emotion to feel about the condition of

public, life. The emotion to feel about the condition of those exhibited was pity, a pity that was infused with sentimentality. The brave little cripple, and eventually the poster child, became the acceptable image of people who were physically abnormal.

The sociologists of deviance, Bogdan claims, rarely look at history for explanations of behavior and attitudes. From our contemporary point of view, we would assume that people in freak shows were crudely exploited. Not so, Bogdan learned, to his surprise and our illumination. This is a cool and careful look at an inflammatory subject.

Laurie Block is currently producing a documentary film on the history of fitness in the United States. She wrote this for The Washington Post.

BEST SELLERS

The New York Times

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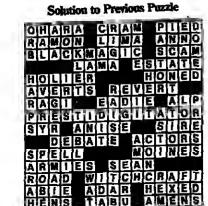










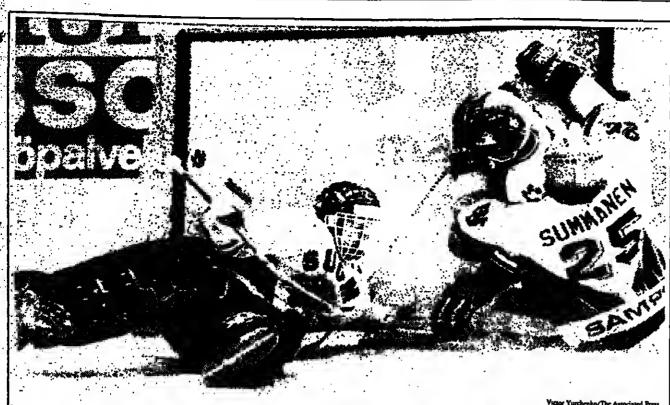








SPORTS



NET PLAY IN MOSCOW - Mark Morrison of Canada, at right in the sudden embrace of a Finnish player, scores his team's third goal Monday during ice hockey tournament play in the Soviet Union. Canada won the game, 7-1, as it sought to claim the Izvestia Cup. On Tuesday, however, the Canadians did not fare so well. They were beaten by Czechoslovakia, 4-2.

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NEW YORK - Marshall Happlayers in an open letter that they could lose bonus and pension money if they start their own tennis tour

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FOOTBALL

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Soccer Answers

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BASEBALL

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Happer, head of the group that sponsors the current tour, said Monday that Grand Prix players would lose "\$7.5 million in bonuses and \$2,225,000 in pension contri-

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Selected College Scores

bringing about a new circuit."

Will the ATP and its executive director, Hamilton Jordan, attend the Jan. 15 meeting at Melbourne? "In early January, our tour application committee will be meet-

In the open letter, Happer said

administrative costs of the MTC

for 1987 were \$3.1 million, com-

the case, but even if it were, the

proposed by the ATP.

ments for 1990," Harris said. In a letter to Jordan dated Monday, Happer said: "In my judg- of the Men's Tennis Council. ment, the 'ATP Tour' format is not

ing and we will be selecting tourna-

promise before our sport goes into permanent turmoil."

"At this point, Marshall Happer seems to be fighting alone. The tournament directors have enpared with the \$6 million per year Brad Harris, an ATP spokesman, dorsed the ATP tour." Harris said. said: "We don't think that will be He noted that on Sunday, Philippe Chatrier, president of the Inplayers indicated to us and charged ternational Tennis Federation, dethe ATP with finding a way of clared his personal support for the

new ATP tour.
The ITF runs the fnur Grand Slam tournaments. Both the ATP Tour and the Men's Tennis Council, which has proposed an alternative tour for 1990, have huilt their prospective schedules around the Grand Slam tournaments. Under the current system, the ITF is part

Players were primarily coneven close to the 1990 Grand Prix cerned with scheduling problems Format in being favorable to the when they asked the ATP to split players, the tournaments or the from the MTC tour, Harris said.

By Michael Wilbon parity. After all, two teams finished with 10-6 records — the Giants and WASHINGTON - The Buffalo New Orleans Saints - and still did

Bills, the first team in put itself in the National Football League playnot get into the playoffs. Their aboffs by winning 11 of 12 games, is now moon-walking, having lost three of four. The San Francisco sence from the playoffs is among the biggest surprises. The Giants could have won the 49ers, after winning four straight, ran into a stone wall Sunday night, losing at home to the Los Angele

The Chicago Bears are bickering amongst themselves and could be stuck in neutral, at best. The Houston Oilers can't win away from the Astrodome, The Philadelphia Eagles have a coach who was called a defensive genius three years ago, but a defense that is ranked last in

the league.

So what's up with these NFL playoff teams? In each previous year this decade, a team had established itself as the team to beat. Usually, it has been an NFC team: the Redskins twice, 49ers three times, and the Bears and New York Giants. But none of the 10 playoff teams this year has established itself as anything more than a mys-

"Seriously, this thing is as wide open as it could possibly be," Jerry Glanville, the coach of the Oilers

Las Vegas thinks so, too. At the Golden Nugget sports book, the Bears and Bengals opened as 5-2 co-favorites to win the Super Bowl, followed by San Francisco and Buffalo at 7-2 and Minnesota and Philadelphia at 6-1. Seattle and Cleveland were listed at 15-1 each, with Houston at 20-1 and the Los Angeles Rams last at 25-1.

It is so unpredictable because every team seems to have a major flaw. Nnt one team has a significant winning streak going into the wild-card games this weekend. In fact, the 49ers, Oilers, Bills and the Bears are going into the postseason working nn a losing streak. Who has the longest winning streak of the playoff teams? How about the Los Angeles Rams, who have won

Coaches, players and club executives have been trying to figure out nver the last few weeks why no dominant team has emerged.
"It's hard to identify what it is,"

Bobby Beathard, the Washington Redskins general manager said. "The team I've really liked is the

I realized it is an old-fashioned city idolizing

loyalty. Soccer is not that way anymore; you must

move with the times, move to new places or you

in 1988, yet I've been brought back at enormous

expense in hopes that my presence can put back quality that disappeared when I retired.

I couldn't refuse. Our national federation pres

dent said 'We need you. Without you all is lost.'

What could f say, particularly since my TV chat

show is waning?

I have no coaching qualifications, but my assistant does that. What do I do? I am there. I talk to

the boys, I select the team, I stand on the touchline

and perhaps when they see me they remember

I am a symbol. We lost the first match in Yugoslavia, but don't speak of failure. We domi-nated Europe in '84 and finished third in the 1986

World Cup - so we proved the importance of style

the Walter Mitty fanatic who dreams of playing

with soccer greats.
ft isn't fame and fortune —as an aging rock star

I have all that I may be 43 but I recently turned in

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My biggest thrill came s week ago when I took the Concorde back to Britain and played alongside

some of Scotland's national team - to me it's the

reatest on earth - in a testimonial match in

No. 6 - "Where I come from, we are storing up

1 am African. I watched from afar when Camer-

oon played like Brazilians to win the African

Nations Cup, but I played my part in the Olym-

and I'm proud to say I scored three times. With the right foot, the left, or my head, pow, I like to bit the

bush, with no shoes, but all the time in the world to

Some of us toughen up abroad. I am a professional with Cercle Bruges in Belgium, getting used to modern stadiums, big crowds and pressures.

But my eye for goals - six times I scored in four

Olympic games — is a gift of freedom from my homeland. For that I'm most proud because, as

sure as Christmas is Christmas, African soccer is

My little country bamboozled Italy. We won 4-1

Nabody teaches us. We learn in the streets or the

surprises for soccer's superpowers. We got a taste

mg' revived my career, and I got rave notices playing right back for the Los Angeles Exiles against a Mexican team in the Pacific League.

No. 5 - "If he is a pretender, what am I? I am

No. 4 - "I feel a bit of a fraud. I haven't played

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In the NFL, Almost Anything Is Possible Maybe it's actually a season of arity. After all, two teams finished ith 10-6 records — the Grants and (twice) have been blown out of re-

NFC East championship but never 'Seriously, this thing is as wide

Jerry Glanville, coach of the Oilers.

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played like champions. Morten Andersen is the Pro Bowl kicker again, but be cost the Saints at least three games by missing kicks, and as a result the Saints went from looking like the best team in the league at Thanksgiving to looking for a vaca-tion at Christmas.

The Redskins, coming off a Su-

per Bowl victory, were not picked by many, if anybody, to repeat that feat. But they were expected to make the playoffs. In the AFC, only the Denver Broncos (8-8), two-time conference champions, were a big disappointment. The Indianapolis Colts, who thought they would challenge the Bills, lost four of their first five, but finished by winning eight of 10 and would be in the playoffs if the Oilers had not folded against the Browns on Sun-

There are solid reasons to dismiss the AFC, even though it beat the NFC, 29-22, in regular season

ceni Super Bowls.
But the NFC teams are not as dominating as usual. The 49ers could have won their fifth straight and gone into the playoffs with momentum. But right now, after a 22-point loss at home in the Rams, the 49ers feel like anything but

The big joke in San Francisco is that the 49ers finally found a way m eliminate the Giants (by losing m the Rams), after losing to the Giants three times in the playoffs in recent years.

The problem for the 49ers now is two-fold. First, they have lost three straight times in the first round. Second, they have not won a road game in the playoffs since 1970. Two of San Francisco's playoff losses in the past three years were administered by the Giants, by a combined 66-6 margin, and its only December loss in the past three seasons also was to New York.

The teams will meet again next season, in Candlestick Park, and there could be a little extra emotion in light of the embittered comment by Phil Simms, the Giants quarterback, that the 49ers "lay down like dogs" in their game Sunday, thus

helping seal the Giants' fate. The 49ers do not agree with that, but they are wondering what is in store in two weeks when they re-

"We looked great last year going into the playoffs and we didn't do it," Bill Walsh, the 49ers coach, 'This year, we didn't look good going in, and who knows? Maybe we can play a great game." The key word is "maybe," not a

■ Vikings 28, Bears 27 Walker Lee Ashley intercepted Mike Tomczak's foolhardy pass near the goal line with 2:37 to play and rumbled 94 yards for a touchdown Monday night as the Minne-sota Vikings held off the Chicago Bears, 28-27, The Associated Press

reported from Minneapolis.

The victory gave the Vikings the home-field advantage in the NFC wild-card game but had no other impact on the NFL playoffs.

"This is the biggest play I have ever made," Ashley, used mostly in short-yardage situations, said of his first career interception.

The Bears, trailing 21-20, drove to Minnesota's 8-yard line, seemingly perfect position for Kevin Butler to kick a game-winning field goal. But on third-and-2, Tomczak dropped back to pass, was rushed Stafford Mays and threw the ball right into Ashley's arms.

Ashley sprinted to the left sideline and went untouched for the longest interception return in Vikings history and a 28-20 lead. Bears coach Mike Ditka de-

fended the decision to go for the touchdown and blamed rookie fullback Brad Muster for making the wrong move on the play.
"I made the call at the goal line,"

Ditka said. "Muster ran the wrong route. It was a good call, but it was just inexperience showing for us." Tomczak came back with a 1yard touchdown pass to Dennis Gentry with 1:15 remaining, but the Bears' on-side kick was smoth-



AFC Wild-Card Game: Saturday, Dec. 24. Houston Oilers at leveland Browns. NFC Wild-Card Game: Monday, Dec. 26. Los Angeles Rams at

Minnesota Vikings.

AFC Divisional Playoffs: Saturday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 1.

Houston-Cleveland winner at Buffalo Bills; Seattle Seahawks at Cincinnati Bengals.

NFC Divisional Playoffs: Saturday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 1. Rams or Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears; Minnesota or Philadelphia at San Francisco 49ers. Playoff will not be determined until after the NFC wild-card game.

AFC and NFC Championship Games: Sunday, Jan. 8.

Super Bowl XXIII: Sunday, Jan. 22, Miami.



Terry Beard

Glasses On? NBC Plans a 3-D Halftime

NEW YORK - NBC will broadcast a three-dimensional Super Bowl halftime show in January. and the Coca-Cola Co. will distribute 20 million pairs of special glasses so people can view the full effect. Network executives said the program would be the first live 3-D

broadcast on network television. Although viewers will need the glasses to get the 3-D effect of the 12-minute halftime show and a Diet Coke commercial that follows, the picture will appear normal for

viewers without glasses.

The special effect is the product of a new technology called Nuoptix 3-D, developed by Terry Beard, founder and head of the Los Angeles-based Nuoptix Associates Inc. The patented process avoids distortion for those whn do not have the

special glasses. Coca-Cola said local bottlers will distribute the glasses with pur-chases of Diet Coke for about two weeks in advance of the Jan. 22

Not content to let a volley sound in the cola wars without respond-ing, Pepsi-Cola Co. announced separately Monday that its Dict Pepsi brand has agreed to be the official sponsor of NBC's NFL player talent show to be broadcast before the game.

"This is not just a few minutes or a couple of special effects," said Michael Beindorff, vice president for advertising at Coca-Cola. "It's not just pre-game fluff or a postgame throwaway."

SIDELINES

Sullivan Award Nominees Named

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner and swimmers Matt Biondi and Janet Evans are among the 10 finalists for the 1988 Sullivan Award, the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union amounced

All of the finalists participated in the 1988 Olympics and accounted for 20 medals. The Sullivan Award has been presented annually since 1930 by the AAU to the top amateur athlete in the United States. The 1988 award will be made March 6.

Besides Griffith Joyner, Evans and Biondi, the other finalists were: Greg Barton, kayak; Bonnie Blair, speed skating; Brian Boitano, figure skating; Roy Jones, boxing; Karch Kiraly, volleyball; Katrina McClain, basketball; and John Smith, wrestling.

Schneider Wins World Cup Ski Race

COURMAYEUR, Italy (AP) — Switzerland's Vreni Schneider edged Spain's Blanca Fernandez Ochoa by one hundredth of a second in win a women's World Cup slalom race in this Italian Alpine resort Tuesday.

The fourth victory of the season — the 17th of her career — extended Schneider's overall lead to a total of 132 points after seven races. (See

'Boom Boom' and 'Macho' Will Fight

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - Five years after it was first discussed, former lightweight champions Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini and Hector "Macho" Camacho agreed Monday to meet in a 12-round

fight in Reno, Nevada, on March 6. The match, promoted by Momentum Enterprises, Superlights Unlimited and Warner Brothers Pay-TV, will be a pay-for-view, closed-circuit presentation and will mark a comeback for Mancini, who retired in 1985 after two straight title fight losses to Livingstone Bramble. Camacho has frught just five times in the last three years. (WP, AP)

Hungary Soccer Staff Quits En Masse

BUDAPEST (AFP) — The coaching staff of the Hungarian interna-tional soccer team resigned en masse Tuesday, led by head coach Gyorgy Mezey, who accused the sport's ruling body of indifference to the team's

For the Record

Wayne Gretzky is a father. Actress Janet Jones, wife of the Los Angeles Kings hockey star, gave birth to the couple's first child, a girl, in Los Angeles on Monday.

Drops Running

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Eamonn Cogh-lan, the world record-holder in the

possibility that he would eventually

"ft's not a great feeling," Coghan said Monday. "It's a very mel-ancholy, sad feeling. I was so gung-hn about finishing my indoor career on a high note."

Coghlan sustained a hairline fracture of his right shin and bruises to his neck, back and left

road racing portion of his career in April or May and hoped to run in the New York City Marathon next

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Mandella. People say I'm rebellious. My body also rebels.

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change. We have new freedom, new professional-ism. We have even begun selling players for much

Western currency. I'm 25, so it may be years before f earn such privileges. Still, I have a surname almost like the

No. 3 - "I feel a displaced person. One year ago I was happy being the first Brazilian ever to join an

club, Newcastle United, is trigger happy with its

I am a goalscorer, pure but not simple. I learn the language, so I hear people accuse me of never passing the ball.

The Zaragoza chib wanted me but has no money. Yet my blood is warm like the Spanish, and maybe we speak a closer language on and off the Newcastle lives in the past. In October f saw

The answers appear in today's Scoreboard. Reb Hughes is on the stoff of the Sunday Times

6 Soccer Stylists: Guess Who?

LONDON - Tis the season of goodwill, a time to remember that what really matters in sports is

Soccer is a trinity involving the movement of players, the eye of the fan, the full range of human

me: see if you can identify six stylists of 1988, into whose mouths f put words:

Instinct moves me. Like my hair, f flow all over the place. Many fans chose my countryman as player of the year after his European Champion-

For me, soccer is expression. There are other things in my life, like playing the guitar, like trying to rid the world of prejudice. My hero is Nelson

In 1988 I led my club to the championship of ftaly and my country to conquer Europe - and I've

It's been one injury after another, the backlash, possibly, to painkilling injections. But, so long as nobody cuts off my dreadlocks, I'll be back." No. 2 — "The big fellow above beat me to

European glory. But I, and my comrades, won Olympic gold.

I managed to be full of running at the European finals in June, and the Olympics 10 weeks later,

cal preparation. In my own way, f cover as much ground as player No. 1. Of course, we differ: He is dark, I am blond; he roams free, I fit into a system; he stretches farther than me or anyone else but I am

f attack and defend. During the Olympics, as well as being the playmaker, I scored five goals in My country is going through unprecedented

forename of our national leader, and from 200 millions, my country chooses me to lead our future

English team.

Now I feel the cold, and not just of winter. My managers - three already this season. No prob-

But many Englishmen think f am swimming in the wrong sea. They say I'm too small for the physical emphasis here. Sometimes when the ball keeps sailing over my head I believe them.

Crazy: We scored from my pass a week ago. Anyway, Newcastle paid \$1 million for me to score goals and if they pass to my feet, I score goals.

Mr. Smith, the new manager, says I work hard in training and show my tricks, but be substituted me in the games. For the public, I want to stay, but my heart says go.

25,000 people, more than for our matches, lining streets at the funeral of Jackie Milburn, a goalscorer of the '50s.

Injured Coghlan In Indoor Meets

indoor mile, says be will pass up track competition this season be-cause of injuries be suffered in an automobile accident this month. Coghlan, however, left open the

elbow in the accident Dec. 4 near New Rochelle, New York, when from behind.

return to the indoor track after making a transition to road racing. The 36-year-old Coghlan said he had intended to retire from indoor and outdoor track after 1989 but that his injuries forced him to cancel his schedule of indoor events.

the car be was driving was struck He said be hoped to begin the

Coghlan set the indoor mile mark of 3:49.78 in 1983 on a 10-lap track be helped design.

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kays enough water. (nd f

OBSERVER

Accessing New Babble

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — The company providing our cable television

It says the price of the cable doesn't say who adjusted it. Could the watchman have fallen asleep, portation system. permitting some rascal to sneak in and adjust the price?

Hah! I know what "the price has been adjusted" means in New Age Babble It means "price is going up." I don't whine about prices going up. That's what prices do. What I object to is being told the

price has been "adjusted." "Folks, the price is going up again"?

My theory is that companies are run nowadays by people who enjoy talking New Age Babble. Maybe they now have to talk that way to get to the top, the way you had to talk weird in advertising agencies in the old, old days to show you were on the ball.

Yes, there really was a time when adult human beings could be taken seriously after saying, "Let's run it up the flagpole and see if anybody nue enhancement." I always as-

after talking it among themselves had said he wouldn't let taxes rise. iong enough, forget that they are talking silly.

want to be accessed by communications? Send me a letter or call me mouth synonym for "tax boosts." on the telephone, but access me not by communication devices: This is lips" is not New Age Babble but talking to the west wall.

Or as a New Age Babbler might put it, "might as well try to impact the west wall." The New Age is the is the kind of talk that seems vital age of impacting.

Systems are constantly not only impacting, but also being impacted. Processes also get a lot of action, impact-wise. For instance, not long ago I was startled to hear a man on "The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour" call a cigarette a "nic-

otine-delivery system."
In New Age Babble, however, I was not startled; something far more ponderous had happened. My impression-input system had

been impacted by the man's longwinded synonym for "cigarette."

There's hardly anything that a service has just accessed me with a New Age Babbler can't convert print communication, or, as the into a dreary, dull, mind-numbing, print communication, or, as the old-timers used to say, "sent me a the automobile. In New Age Babble it is not a car; it's an individualservice has been "adjusted." It ly operable, quadri-wheeled, internal-combustion, surface trans-

> The New Age Babbler spends much of his life in situations. If the mechanic's bill bankrupts him, he enters a bankruptcy situation. If he resorts to embezzlement to save himself, he is involved in an embezziement situation.

If he escapes with millions to South America, he settles into a What's wrong with companies South American situation. There that can't come right out and say. he probably enters the language study process so he can figure out how big a price adjustment will follow the latest print communication to impact his mail slot.

There is another theory, incidentally, about why people speak New Age Rabble. This is, that its speakers really do think we're too dumb to know what they're saying.

The evidence always adduced for this theory is the Reagan adminissumed this was a joke produced by My theory is that people who talk New Age Babble nowadays are forced to use it to get ahead and, money in an era when the president Joke or not, every American

smart enough to cope with Form Fellow Americans, do we really 1040 instantly knew that "revenue enhancement" was just a flannel-

my plea, and I might as well be something quite different, though perhaps equally annoying - especially to President-elect George Bush, who must now live with it. It and dynamic during campaign excitements, but is seen as merely tiresome or embarrassing when political lever subsides.

Another example: "The (insert letter of alphabet) Word." Before the campaign, it was "the C word," referring to cancer; in the campaign, "the L word." Recently I've seen "the M word" (referring to "Minimalist") and "the R word" ("Recession"). It's become "the E.A. phrase" ("Enough already!").

New York Times Service

Armchair War in the U.S.

By William H. Honan New York Times Service

READ Sun Tzu," said the greedy financial manipulator portrayed by Michael Douglas in the movie "Wall Street." He was referring to the Chinese author who wrote "The Art of War" in the fourth century

A year later, his advice is being widely heeded. There are now three paperback editions of Sun Tzu's classic in print in the United States.

Indeed, military and naval history - subjects that were anathema to many Americans during the Vietnam War -- have become a national fascination, say magazine publishers, book editors, authors and entrepreneurs who hope to turn a dollar on the phenomenon.

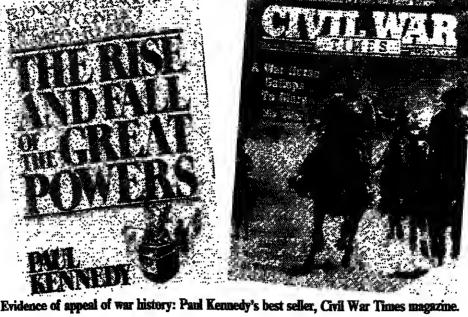
"Vietnam damaged the pub-lic's romantic and idealized view of war, but now that image — that nastiness — is fading," said Paul Kennedy, a professor of military history at Yale and author of the best-selling "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers," on the relationship of economic to military power as it affects the fate of empires. "As the memory of Vietnam recedes, you get back to the public's love of dashing heroes— Patton, Napoléon, Mariborough, Francis Drake, Also, people now see that military power is still important in world affairs and they relate to it."

Evidence of this newfound interest includes the fact that two new magazines — The Quarterly Journal of Military History, and Naval History — are enjoying unexpected success, and old-timers like Civil War Times Illustrated are growing at a faster pace.

military and naval history, like Kennedy's, have surprised publishers by becoming best sellers. Now, book and magazine editors are planning numerous ventures they hope will benefit from interest generated by the 50thanniversary observances of the main events of World War II be-

Furthermore, several books on

Such book projects include "Wartime" (Oxford), by Paul Fussell, a World War II sequel to his "The Great War and Modern Memory"; "Peleliu, the Forgotten Battle" (Random House), by



Bill D. Ross, the author of "Iwo Jima": "The Road to War" (Little, Brown), by Andrew Wheatcroft and Richard Overy, a tie-in with a 10-part BBC series; "Dunkirk" (Morrow), by Norman Gelb; "The Battle of the Falaise Pocket" (Little, Brown), by Mar-tin Blumenson, the story of a pivotal World War II battle by a well-known military historian; and a new biography of General Douglas MacArthur, two histories of the U.S. Navy and several coffee-table books lavishly illustrated with photographs and bat-

The Quarterly Journal of Military History, a handsomely illustrated hardcover magazine that carries no advertising and looks like the old hardbound American Heritage magazine, generated 40,000 subscribers after a promotional mailing earlier this year.

Byron Hollinshead, publisher

of MHQ Inc., which publishes the magazine, said he is considering beginning a book club on military and naval history as well as publishing books on those subects. "One explanation for the success of MHQ thus far is that we're looking at the subject in a very humane way, although of course we're not taking a position about war or promoting disarmament," said Hollinshead, who is a former president of the American

Heritage Publishing Co. The first issue, which appeared in October, contains 15 articles on subjects ranging from ancient Roman short-sword fighting to the future of the nuclear submarine. The magazine is directed to the interested layman, not to scholars and specialists.

trated quarterly begun a year ago by the U.S. Naval Institute, an independent professional society and publisher, is also thriving. "We thought we would have an

Naval History, a richly illus-

affordable magazine if we got 15,000 subscribers by the end of 1988, but we already have 25,000," said James A. Barber Jr.,

Like the military history quar-terly, Naval History takes a highminded view of its subject, and finds space for articles like one in the current issue about archaeological investigations to determine where Columbus first landed in the New World. Meanwhile, older publications

like three from Cowles Magazines — The American Civil War, with a circulation of 120,000; Civil War Times Illustrated, with a circulation of 145,000; and especially Military History, with a circulation of 290,000 - have grown by leaps and bounds late-

In book publishing, military and naval history have long been steady sellers. No one was surprised when Barbara Tuchman's 10th book, "The First Salute" (Knopf), which focuses on the relationship between France and

the emerging United States during the Revolutionary War, became a best seller. But Random House originally

published only 9,000 copies of Kennedy's "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" earlier this year. It was astonished by the book's sales, which have now topped 225,000 copies, excluding s to book clubs.

Oxford University Press was equally surprised by James M. McPherson's "Battle Cry of Freedom," a one-volume history of the U.S. Civil War, which has sold more than 100,000 copies exclusive of book clubs.

Another remarkable success is muci Hynes'a "Flights of Passage," a memoir of life as a young World War II pilot of a torpedo plane. Published by the press of the non-commercial Naval Institute, the book has sold nearly 40,000 copies.

"War has been a popular sub-ject since "The Iliad," said lynes, who teaches a course at Princeton called "Images of War in 20th Century Art and Literature," "but neither my book nor the course would have been possible during the Vietnam years. Today, now that we're not engaged in a war at the moment, it becomes possible to develop a sophisticated sense of war as part of human history and not as an obscenity visited on humankind by wicked politicians."

PEOPLE

New York Toasts Sills

Beverly Sills, the departing general director of the New York City Opera, was honored at a farewell party that featured celebrity toasts from Mayor Edward L Koch of New York, Mary Tyler Moore, Mike Wallace, Barbara Walters and Helen Hayes. Sills said Monday that she has had a "meaningful relationship" with the opera company for 33 years and two months. She was its coloratura superstar and for the last 10 years its general director. Christopher Keene will succeed Sills in March.

Spain signed a loan agreement Tuesday with Baron Hans Heinrick Thyssen-Bornensisza that will bring more than 700 of the masterpieces in his collection to Spain for a decade. The agreement, signed by the baron and Spanish Culture Minister Jorge Sempron, represents a success for Spain over rival bidders. Most of the artwork, by such masters as Holbein, El Greco, Goya, Tintoretto, Ghirlandaio, Canaletto, Velázquez, Max Beck-mann, van Gogh, Cézame, Monet and Degas, will be housed in the Villahermosa Palace annex of the Prado museum in Madrid.

A new environmental group backed by singers and film directors plans to market environmentally sound fast food, household cleaners and shampoos to teach people about the destruction of the planet. The group called Ark was founded this summer in London by professional ecologists and by show business personalities such as the singers Sting and David Bowie and the film director David Putt-num. Sting has been talking about doing a Live Aid-type concert to save rain forests in the Amazon. Former Greenpeace officials Brya Jones and Reg Borer said Ark's goals would be similar to those of Greenpeace but said that the two organizations would not be rivals.

The quickly arranged concert by world-famous musicians raised more than £363,000 (about \$660,000) to help victims of the earthquake in Armenia. The cellist Mstalay Rostropovich, the flutist James Galway and the conductor Andre Previn joined the English Chamber Orchestra and other musicians for the event Saturday in London. The funds, to benefit the British Red Cross Armenian earth-

quake appeal, came from video and record rights and ticket sales.

"The Jeweler's Shop," a film version of the love story written by Pope John Paul II when he was the archbishop of Krakow, Poland, has been previewed by 7,000 guests at the Vatican's Pani VI Hall. It is directed by Michael Anderson, who directed "Around the World in 80 Days," and stars Burt Laucaster. Ofivia Hossey, Andrew Occident and Daniel Olbrychski. Made in English and dubbed into Italian French and German, the movie is scheduled for international release in February.

The novelist Isabel Allende de clared that the defeat of President Augusto Pinochet in a political referendum was "a historic moment" and that democracy has been restored to Chile. She made the comments in Santiago during her first trip back to her homeland after 13 years of self-imposed exile. She is the author of the best-selling House of the Spirits." Allende's father was a cousin of Salvador Allende, the Chilean leader who was killed when Pinochet toppled his government in a 1973 coup. . \square

Prime Minister Margaret. Thatcher of England identifies her clothes by naming them after the place where she first wore them, her daughter Carol Thatcher, a jour-nalist, wrote in the weekly Hello magazine. Carol also said her mother favors fake jewelry and is rarely seen without pearls or. brooches. Thatcher was listed this year by the annual International Best Dressed Poli as one of the world's 12 best-dressed women.

The British royal family christened the daughter of Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, at a small, private ceremony Tuesday in a his-toric London chapel. John Habgood, the archbishop of York, per-formed the christening of Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary of York, born Aug. 8. Queen Ekzabeth II and Prince Philip joined the god-parents as part of a small congregation. The godparents are Viscount David Linley, the duke'a first cousin, Peter Palumbo, the incoming head of the Arts Council, the Duckess of Roxburghe, and two women friends of the Duchess of York.

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